

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.58195 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-19 Year-2023 Thana- RIGA District- Sitamarhi

Rakesh Bhandari S/O Shambhu Bhandari @ Shambhoo Bhandari R/O Village- Chaurahiya, P.S- Sahiyara, Distt.- Sitamarhi.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ashok Kumar Jha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Pushpa Sinha.1, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY

ORAL ORDER

3 31-01-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned

APP for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection with Riga P.S. Case No. 19 of 2023 for the offence registered under sections 366A lodged on 09.01.2023 by the informant, Raghurai Sahni.

3. As per the prosecution story, the informant alleged that his daughter went missing and later it came to knowledge that Rakesh Bhandari used to visit the house of Indu Devi and Vishnudeo Bhandari where the daughter was called and thereafter she went missing. This led to the FIR.

4. While dealing with this petition, this Court was disturbed inasmuch as the girl remained missing since the year 2023 and the Police was not taking any steps to recover her. In that background, on 13.12.2024, the Superintendent of Police, Sitamarhi was directed to file his own reply as to what steps the Police has taken to ensure the recovery of the girl.



5. Pursuant thereto, a reply has come from the S.P., Sitamarhi in which it has been recorded that now the girl stands recovered from *Vidisha* (Madhya Pradesh) on 16.01.2025 and her 164 Cr.P.C. statement was taken on 22.01.2025 in which she has narrated her ordeal and actually has supported the prosecution story. The name of the petitioner has cropped up and the name of the petitioner has also been taken by the girl in her 164 Cr.P.C. statement. In that background, it would be appropriate that he seeks bail.

6. The prayer for anticipatory bail application stands rejected.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he is a young boy of 20 years and as such, he wants to surrender in couple of days and the bail application be considered at an earliest.

8. If the petitioner shall surrenders within four weeks from today and prays for bail, the same shall be taken into consideration and if possible, to dispose it of on the same day.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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