

IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT AND ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE-1st-CUM-
SPECIAL JUDGE (SC/ST, CHILDREN & NDPS ACT)
AURANGABAD (BIHAR)

Present: Vishwa Vibhuti Gupta, District & Additional Sessions Judge-1st-cum- Special Judge
(SC/ST, CHILDREN & NDPS ACT) Aurangabad, Bihar.

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1355 OF 2026
Arising out of Complaint Case No. 35 of 2024

Suraj Vishwakarma @ Suraj Kumar, aged about 31 years, S/o-Talkeshwar Vishwakarma, R/o village- Gordiha, PS-Rafiganj District-Aurangabad(Bihar)		
	Versus	-- Petitioner
State of Bihar		-- Prosecution

Appearance:	Learned Counsel for the accused-petitioner Learned Counsel for the State	- Shri Sujeet Kumar Singh, Ld. Advocate -Shri Shakti Kumar Singh, Ld. Spl. PP

Order with signature of the Court

<u>Dated</u> <u>09.06.2026</u>	The anticipatory bail preferred under Section 482(2) of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 on behalf of the accused-petitioner namely Suraj Vishwakarma @ Suraj Kumar, who apprehends his arrest in connection with Rafiganj PS Case No. 146/2026 under Sections-126(2),115(2),109(1),118(2) of the IPC and Sections 3 (1) (r) (s), 3 (2) (va) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The CD is available on the record. Upon being pressed the matter was heard. The learned counsel for the accused-petitioner, reading out the contents of the F.I.R., has submitted that the petitioner is entirely innocent and he has committed no offence. No any bail petition has been filed on behalf of the accused-petitioner either before this court or any Court of law. The petitioner is an accused in Rafiganj PS Case No.500/2024 in which he is on bail. He further submitted that all the alleged sections are bailable in nature except Sections of 109(1) BNS and alleged Sections of SC/ST. The petitioner did not use any casteism word n or he gave knife blow upon the informant rather the informant had lent money Rs. 550/- form the petitioner and when he demanded his money he was falsely implicated in this case for which a copy of agreement has also been enclosed by the petitioner with this bail petition. There is no chance of absconding the petitioner or tampering with the evidence. The petitioner is ready to fulfill all the conditions of Section 482(2) of the BNS. Hence, he prayed to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail. Pe Per-contra, the learned Spl. Public Prosecutor SC/ST has invited the attention of	
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<u>Cont....</u> <u>09.06.2026</u>	this Court with this case is well under the arena of provisions of SC/ST (POA) Act, 1985 as the victim is the member of the community of Scheduled Castes and it is well apparent from the F.I.R. that the petitioner abused and the informant by taking caste name and assaulted him. It has been prayed, inviting the attention of the provision of sections 18 and 18 (A) of SC & ST (POA) Act has prayed to refuse the prayer. After hearing the argument of both the learned counsels and giving due attention to the averment of the parties and from the perusal of the materials available on the case record, I think that this is the age of democracy and equality. No people or community should be today insulted or looked down upon, and nobody's feelings should be hurt. This is also the spirit of our Constitution and is part of its basic features. Hence, in our opinion, the so-called upper castes and OBCs should not use the word 'Manjhi' when addressing a member of the Scheduled Caste, even if that person in fact belongs to the 'Manjhi' caste, because use of such a word will hurt his feelings. In such a country like ours with so much diversity- so many religions, castes, ethic and lingual groups, etc.- all communities and groups must be treated with respect, and no one should be looked down upon as an inferior. That is the only way we can keep our country united. In our opinion, calling a member of the Scheduled Caste 'Manjhi' with intent to insult or humiliate him in a place within public view is certainly an offence under Section 3 (1) (x) of the Act. From perusal of the record, it appears that the case was registered against the accused-petitioner in Rafiganj PS Case No. 146/2026 under Sections-126(2), 115(2), 109(1), 118(2) of the IPC and Sections 3 (1) (r) (s), 3 (2) (va) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. He has further attracted towards the fact that anticipatory bail application as per section 18 of the referred Act of the SC/ST has not been made maintainable and in the given facts and circumstances, it is hard to rely on the contention of the learned counsel for the accused-petitioner that no case under a provisions of SC/ST Act appears at this point of time in a state and the accused-petitioner was well aware of the fact that the victim had been of the Scheduled Castes community as embodied 18 and 18 (A) of SC & ST (POA) Act also reveals the fact that if any act is done against the member of Scheduled Castes community to which the accused-petitioner was acquainted of his caste. As such bearing in mind the express embargo by section 18 of the referred Act. This Court is	
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