

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE, BHAGALPUR

Bail Application No. 308/2026
Goradih P.S. Case No. 31/2026
Vikash Kumar Mandal @ Banki Mandal Versus State of Bihar

Counsel for the petitioner :- Sri Ajay Kumar Sinha, Advocate.
For the State :- Sri S.N.P. Sah, Public Prosecutor.

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13-07-2026	1. This is an application for regular bail filed on behalf of the accused petitioner Vikash Kumar Mandal @ Banki Mandal, in connection with Goradih P.S. Case No. 31/2026, instituted for the offences u/s 126(2), 115(2), 109, 85, 352, 351(2) & (3) of BNS. The petitioner is in custody since 01-02-2026. 2. Attendance along with photo copy of Adhar Card of informant Varsha Rani has been filed on which the informant endorsed that the case has been compromised and she has got no objection, if the petitioner is granted bail. 3. Heard Sri Ajay Kumar Sinha, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri S.N.P. Sah, learned Public Prosecutor for the State. 4. The prosecution case in nut-shell is that the informant Varsha Rani was residing with Vikash Kumar Mandal since about one year. It is alleged that on 27-01-2026 at about 07:00 P.M., the informant was cooking rice where the accused persons named in the F.I.R. including the petitioner were sitting and in course whereof, the accused persons conjointly overturn the utensil on her body. Thereafter, it is alleged that Vikash Kumar brought the informant to a doctor in the village. The accused persons kept the informant in the house for two days and they used to abuse her. It is further alleged that on 30-01-2026, the accused persons brought the informant at Mayaganj Hospital and threatened her to speak as they like, otherwise they would kill her whole family and they forcibly write down in a copy that if she succumbed to the injury then her in-laws are not responsible. 5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. He has falsely been implicated in this case. Entire prosecution case is false and concocted. The learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that except sections 109 and 85 BNS, other sections are bailable in nature and in the fact and circumstances of the case neither section 109 BNS nor section 85 BNS are at all applicable in this case. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in fact no any occurrence

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as alleged in the F.I.R. took place rather unfortunately the utensil over turned on the body of informant due to her mistake but the informant at the instance of her parents cooked up a false story and lodged the present case only with a view to harass the accused persons. Moreover, at the time of occurrence, the petitioner was not present at the place of occurrence. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that due to intervention of well-wishers, the dispute between the parties has amicably been settled and for that reason a joint compromise petition has been filed before the learned trial court and certified copy of which has been attached with this bail application. Today, the informant is present before the court to support the factum of compromise between the parties. The petitioner bears clean antecedent and he is in custody since 01-02-2026. He further submits that on completion of investigation, charge-sheet has been submitted in this case against the petitioner and hence further custodial interrogation is not required. On these grounds, prayer has been made to release the petitioner on bail.

6. The Learned P.P. though opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner but he submits that the informant has compromised the case with the petitioner and joint compromise petition has also been filed. On completion of investigation charge-sheet has been submitted against the petitioner.
7. From perusal of record it appears that at the initial stage of hearing of this bail application, at the request of learned counsel for the petitioner, notice was issued to the informant for her personal appearance before the court pursuant thereof she appeared before the court by filing Vakalatnama. Today at the time of hearing the informant was present before the court and on interrogation she clearly stated that at present she is living at her matrimonial house with her in-laws peacefully. She further stated that the dispute between the parties has been resolved and a joint compromise petition has been filed. She has stated that she has got no objection, if the petitioner is granted bail.
8. After hearing the rival submissions of both sides and on perusal of case record as well as case diary, it appears that though the petitioner is named in the FIR against whom there is allegation that he along with other accused persons have overturn the utensil on the body of informant and as per injury report which is available with the case diary she sustained burn injury up to 15%. As stated above, today at the time of hearing, the informant appeared before this court physically and on query she clearly stated that at present she is

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living at her matrimonial house with her in-laws peacefully. She further stated that the dispute between the parties has been resolved and a joint compromise petition has been filed. She has stated that she has got no objection, if the petitioner who is her husband is granted bail.

9. On perusal of the case record as well as case diary, it further appears that on completion of investigation charge-sheet has been submitted against the petitioner, therefore, further custodial interrogation is not required. There is no mentioning in the case diary regarding criminal antecedent of petitioner but as per para 3 of the bail petition itself, the petitioner bears clean antecedent. The petitioner is in custody since 01-02-2026, i.e. for about five and half months.
10. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, as discussed above, coupled with the period of detention, the bail application of petitioner is allowed. Accordingly, the petitioner Vikash Kumar Mandal @ Banki Mandal is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 15,000/- with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court with condition that one of the bailor should be the close relative of petitioner and the petitioner shall also file an undertaking that he will not indulge himself in the act of similar nature in future and if it will be found that he is getting himself involved in any similar offence, his bail shall liable to be cancelled by the learned court below itself.

Sd/-
(Dipankar Pandey)
Principal Sessions Judge.

Date of Judgment/Order	13-07-2026
Date of Reserving Judgment/Order	N/A
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