

In the Court of Sessions Judge, East Champaran at Motihari.

Present:-

**Abhishek K. Das
Sessions Judge,
East Champaran at Motihari.**

Bail Petition No. 644 of 2026

Praveen Kumar @ Praveen Mahato, aged about 23 years, S/o- Suresh Mahato.
R/o village- Chailahan Mauze, Ward No.7, P.S. Banjariya, District- East Champaran.
----- **Petitioner.**

Versus

The State of Bihar ----- **Opposite party.**

Counsel for the Petitioner :- Sri Ajay Kumar Singh, Advocate.
Counsel for the State :- Sri Khublal Prasad, Public Prosecutor.

17.03.2026

This bail petition is filed on behalf of the petitioner, namely, Praveen Kumar @ Praveen Mahato, who is in judicial custody since 18.12.2025 in connection with Ramgarhwa P.S. Case No. 282 of 2025 u/ss 309(4), 317(2) and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and 25(1-B)a, 26 and 35 of Arms Act.

In para-2 of the bail petition, it is mentioned that the petitioner has not moved in this learned Court or the Hon'ble Patna High Court for anticipatory or regular bail in this case on any earlier occasion. As per para-3 of the bail petition the petitioner has one criminal antecedent of Banjariya P.S. Case No. 206 of 2024 u/s 309(4) B.N.S. and other alleged sections. As per para-4 of the bail petition, the petitioner is in judicial custody since 18.12.2025.

As per F.I.R., the informant runs a CSP center at Pakhnaahiya. On 25.07.2025 he withdrew money Rs. 5,35,000/- from SBI Ramgarhwa and was going to his CSP center Pakhnaahiya. When he reached at Ekahawa Gachhi, Mushahari, three persons riding on a motorcycle surrounded him and looted his bag containing Rs. 5,35,000/- on the gun point and they started fleeing away towards Bandhubarwa road and hide themselves in a sugarcane field after leaving motorcycle upon chasing by the villagers. Upon getting information, police reached there and apprehended two persons from that sugarcane field, who disclosed their names as Deepak Kumar Chaubey and Munna Pandey and they also disclosed the name of their associates as Baljit Mahato and Praveen Mahato (petitioner). On being searched, police recovered two loaded country made pistols and a bag containing money of Rs. 5,35,000/- from the possession of apprehended accused persons.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has committed no offence. The petitioner has not been arrested on spot and nothing has been recovered from his possession. He had no knowledge about the present case. There is no evidentiary value of statement of co-accused and nothing has been recovered in the light of the statement. On these basis, it is prayed to allow this bail petition.

The learned Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of State opposed the prayer for bail on the basis of materials available in the case diary.

Having heard both sides and perused the record. From perusal of the record, it appears that the petitioner is named in the F.I.R. As per F.I.R., three persons robbed the informant by snatching his bag containing Rs. 535000/- and hid themselves in a sugarcane field. Police reached there and apprehended two persons, who disclosed the name of the petitioner as their associate. Police also recovered the looted money of informant alongwith arms and ammunition from the possession of apprehended co-accused persons. In para-2 of the case diary, seizure list is mentioned. As per para-16 of the case diary, co-accused Deepak Chaubey and Munna Pandey have confessed their guilt and have stated about the involvement of the petitioner in this case. As per para-4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the case diary, the informant in his restatement and the witnesses have corroborated the version of F.I.R. As per para-19 of the supplementary case diary, supplementary charge-sheet bearing no. 05/2026 dated 11.01.2026 has been submitted against the petitioner u/s 309(4), 317(2) and 3(5) of B.N.S. and 25(1-B)a, 26 and 35 of Arms Act. As per para-3 of the bail petition the petitioner has one criminal antecedent of similar nature.

In the facts of the case and keeping in view the nature of allegation and material available in the case diary as well as one criminal antecedent of similar nature, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner, namely, **Praveen Kumar @ Praveen Mahato** stands **rejected**.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

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