

IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT & ADDL. SESSIONS JUDGE-III, KATIHAR
ANTICIPATORY BAIL PETITION No. 430/2026
(Arising out of Barari P.S. Case No. 55/2026)

Arjun Ravidas & Others ... Petitioners
Versus
The State of Bihar ... Opposite Party

Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner:- Sri Vivek Kumar Singh, Advocate
Ld. Counsel for the State :- Sri Shiv Narayan Singh, APP

Date of hearing/Disposal: 25.05.2026

ORDER

An anticipatory bail petition has been filed on behalf of the accused petitioner namely (1) Arjun Ravidas and (2) Haidar Ali, who are apprehending their arrests in connection with Barari P.S. Case No. 55/2026 for the offences registered U/S 316(5), 318(2), 3(5) of BNS. The copy of the same has already been duly served to the Ld. Addl. P.P. for the State.

Heard the Ld. Counsel for the petitioner and the Ld. APP for the State.

The Ld. counsel of the petitioner have submitted that earlier, no B.P. or A.B.P. on behalf of the accused petitioners have been filed or moved before this court or before the Hon'ble High Court, Patna. The petitioners are innocent and they have not committed any offence at all and have been falsely implicated in this case. That the petitioner no. 1 happens to be the Shikshak Sevak whereas the petitioner no. 2 is also the teacher under Talimi Markaj. That there is no hand of petitioners of the mid-day meal process. The petitioners have joined the service and since then, they had been doing the job without any claim. Petitioners are ready and willing to abide by the terms and conditions laid down by this court. petitioner are ready to furnish local and solvent bailors to the court satisfaction. Accordingly, prayed to grant bail.

On the other hand, the Ld. Addl. P.P. vehemently opposed the prayer of anticipatory bail filed on behalf of the above named accused petitioner and submitted that the petitioner have committed the alleged offence under well planned manner. Hence, it is requested to reject the petition of the above named accused petitioner.

The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 22.01.2026, 71.95 kg of rice meant for the Mid-Day Meal Scheme was illegally removed from Upgraded Middle School, Laxmipur, Barari and a related video went viral. Upon inquiry and examination of the footage, involvement of Arjun Ravidas & Others, Haider Ali and Arjun Ravidas was found in illegally taking away rice in jute bags. The role of suspended Headmaster Dilip Kumar was also found suspicious for not informing the department about the shortage and making false entries on the e-Shiksha Kosh Portal. Hence, the present case.

Heard the Ld. Counsel of both the parties and perused the case diary. The instant Barari P.S. Case No. 55/2026 has been registered U/S 316(5), 318(2), 3(5) of BNS. The petitioners are named accused of the FIR and there is allegation is mainly based on inquiry report and video footage and there is no allegation of direct recovery from the petitioners. It appears that there is mere suspicion. There is no any criminal history against these petitioners. They are ready to co-operate into investigation and trial of this case. There is no chance of absconding or tampering with the evidence.

P.O.- Sunil Kumar Singh-III, DASJ-III, Katihar

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Hence, considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, the present anticipatory bail petition of the above named accused petitioner are hereby **allowed** and the petitioner in the event of their arrest or surrender **within four (4) weeks of this order**, shall be admitted to bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the court.

(Sd/-)

D.A.S.J.-III, Katihar
25.05.2026