

IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT & ADDL. SESSIONS JUDGE-III, KATIHAR
BAIL PETITION NO. 501/2026
(Arising out of Traffic P.S. Case No. 60/2026)

Ravindra Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... Opposite Party

Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner:-
Ld. Counsel for the State :-

Sri Punam Kumari, Advocate
Sri Shiv Narayan Singh, APP

Date of hearing/Disposal: 05.06.2026

ORDER

A regular bail petition has been filed on behalf of the accused petitioner namely Ravindra Kumar, who is in jail custody since 25.04.2026 in connection with Traffic P.S. Case No. 60/2026 for the offence registered U/S 105, 125(a), 125(b) of the B.N.S. 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 learned A.P.P. for the State.

The Ld. counsel of the petitioner has submitted that no B.P. or A.B.P. on behalf of the accused petitioner has been filed or moved earlier before this court or before the Hon'ble High Court, Patna. The petitioner is quite innocent and has committed no offence and he has been falsely implicated in this case. That the petitioner has no criminal history. That the petitioner himself is seriously injured. The petitioner is languishing in judicial custody since 25.04.2026. The petitioner is local man and no chance of his absconding. The petitioner is ready to furnish local and solvent bailors to the satisfaction of the court. Accordingly, prayed to grant bail.

On the other hand, the Ld. Addl. P.P. vehemently opposed the prayer of bail filed on behalf of the above named accused petitioner and submitted that the petitioner has 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 11.04.2026, a bus (BR-34G0110) allegedly being driven rashly and on the wrong side, collided head-on with a Pickup (BR-11GG0517) near Basgarha Lay-By on NH-31 and also hit a motorcycle (BR-11BT6380). About 30 persons were injured and 13 persons died in the accident. The bus driver Ravindra Kumar sustained serious injuries and was undergoing treatment. Hence, the present case.

Heard rival submission of the Ld. counsel on behalf of the accused petitioner and the Ld. Addl.P.P. for the State and perused the case diary. From perusal of the same, it transpires that the present Traffic P.S. Case No. 60/2026 for the offence registered U/S 105, 125(a), 125(b) of the B.N.S. against the accused person. Petitioner is named

accused of F.I.R. and he is the driver of the bus. The petitioner is specifically alleged to have been driving the bus in a rash and negligent manner at high speed. The petitioner was driving on the wrong side of the road while overtaking. The accident resulted in the death of 14 persons and injuries to about 30 others. From perusal of case diary, para no. 30, 32, 34 and 35, it is evident that the bus driver firstly caused accident to the motorcycle and ran away and further, he caused accident in the pickup van upon which several persons were sitting. The conduct of the driver shows that after the first accident, he did not stop and caused second accident and thus, knowledge on the part of the driver cannot be ruled out. The allegation disclose gross negligence endangering human life, causing multiple fatalities and serious injuries.

Hence, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and discussions made hereinabove and keeping in mind the seriousness of accusation and gravity of offences, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, prayer for bail of the above named accused petitioner stands **rejected**.

(Sd/-)
(Sunil Kumar Singh-III)
D.A.S.J.- III, Katihar
05.06.2026