

Court of Additional Sessions Judge I, Jhanjharpur

A.B.P. No-355/2026

(Lakhanour P.S case No- 14/2024)

Ratan Jha @ Kaushal Kumar Jha Vs. State of Bihar

U/s- 363 & 366(A) of the IPC

Pending in the Court of Ld. AC.J.M.-I, Jhanjharpur.

S.N	Date of order	Order with signature	Office notes as to action taken
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	09.06.2026	1. This anticipatory bail petition has been filed on behalf of accused namely Ratan Jha @ Kaushal Kumar Jha, who is apprehending his arrest in connection with Lakhanour P.S case No- 14/2024, U/s- 363 & 366(A) of the IPC. 2. Heard Sri Bipin Kumar Jha, Ld. Advocate on behalf of petitioners and Sri Indrakant Prasad, learned APP for the state. 3. Ld. Counsel Sri Bipin Kumar Jha on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that earlier petitioner had filed ABP No. 189 /2024 which was rejected and again filed this anticipatory bail petition on fresh grounds besides that no any other bail petition has been filed before this Court or Hon'ble High Court Patna and petitioner has no any criminal antecedent. It is further submitted that petitioner is quite innocent and has not committed any offence and no occurrence did ever took place as alleged and petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case due to dirty village party politics and previous enmity. It is also submitted that in pressure, the statement of victim U/s 164 Cr.PC was recorded while the petitioner and the victim were solemnized marriage and were living as wife and husband and the victim is adult and now this case has been compromised in between the parties. Lastly it is submitted that petitioner has apprehending his arrest in this case, and ld. Counsel prays to enlarge the	

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Contd. 09.06.2026	between the parties and a joint compromise petition bearing signature of both the parties dully verified by their lawyers is also filed and the informant herself is present before the Court and stated that she has no any objection, if petitioner be enlarged on bail. In criminal misc. No. 24181 /2024 in Yogesh Vs State of UP in which Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad has opined that the age of victim as per the report of CMO is 17 years. Even one year ago when the incident took place she was aged about 16 years. Given margin of two years on the higher side, she can be considered to be major. 7. Therefore, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances discussed above, I am inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail accordingly, petitioner namely, Ratan Jha @ Kaushal Kumar Jha, is directed to be enlarged on bail, in the event his arrest or surrender before on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- with two sureties of like amount to the satisfaction of Ld. Court below, as condition laid u/s 482 of BNSS. Dictated and Corrected (Sushil Kumar Dixit) Addl. Sessions Judge-Ist Jhanjharpur.	
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