

<i>Date of order of proceeding</i>	<i>Order with the signature of the court</i>	<i>Office action taken with date</i>
<b>10.04.2026</b>	<p>The present bail application has been moved on behalf of the accused petitioner, <b>Rakesh Kumar Verma</b>, in connection with Bihar P.S. Case No. 559/19, registered for offenses punishable u/s 376, 379, 417, 504, 506, and 509 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).</p> <p>Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated due to a matrimonial dispute and ulterior motives. The petitioner has not filed any other bail application before this court or before the Hon'ble High Court and no petition is pending elsewhere. It is argued that the informant is a major, being approximately 20 years of age, and was a consenting party to a long-term romantic relationship. A mere breach of promise to marry does not attract the rigors of Section 376 IPC. Furthermore, it is submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 31.12.2025, and since the investigation is complete and the charge sheet has been submitted, his further detention is unnecessary. The petitioner claims clean antecedents and a lack of criminal history prior to this case.</p> <p>The learned APP for the State has strongly opposed the bail application, highlighting the gravity of the offences and the predatory conduct of the petitioner. It is submitted that this is not a</p>	

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case of simple romantic failure but a calculated instance of "sextortion" and fraud. The APP points out that the petitioner did not only exploit the victim physically but also misappropriated her property and used digital media to blackmail her and her family. It is argued that if released, the petitioner is highly likely to intimidate the witnesses and further circulate the obscene materials currently in his possession.

Heard both sides, perused the Case Diary and the materials on record. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner, a distant relative, developed a relationship with the informant in 2014. In July 2018, he allegedly induced her to leave her parental home under a fraudulent promise of marriage. After establishing physical relations at various locations, including Patna and Rajgir, the petitioner and his family members allegedly misappropriated the victim's gold jewelry. When the victim pressured the petitioner to solemnize the marriage, he reportedly abandoned her. Subsequent to a police intervention, the petitioner's family allegedly engaged in a deceptive mediation to withdraw legal proceedings, only to resume the exploitation. Upon a final refusal to marry in July 2019, the petitioner allegedly began sending obscene photographs and offensive messages to the victim's father and brother, threatening to make their private videos viral. Copy of the obscene

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and threatening messages along with photo graphs sent by the petitioner to the family members of the victim have are annexed with the FIR.

Upon a holistic review of the record, it is clear that the allegations are of a very serious nature. The victim's 164 CrPC statement clearly outlines a pattern of repeated deception and exploitation. Furthermore, the presence of the photographs and obscene messages sent to the family members of the victim serves as objective corroboration of the petitioner's criminal intent to intimidate and silence the victim. The use of digital media to outrage the modesty of a woman and threaten her social standing is a grave aggravating factor.

Considering the gravity of the offences, the specific nature of the electronic evidence on record, and the petitioner's conduct in intimidating the victim and her family, I am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the bail application of the petitioner, Rakesh Kumar Verma, is hereby **REJECTED**.

(Namita Singh)  
Add. Sess. Judge -I  
Biharsharif, Nalanda