

In the Court of Sri Santosh Kumar Tiwary
Principal District & Sessions Judge, Sheikhpura.
A.B.P. No:- 162/2026
State of Bihar vs. Ritesh Verma @ Ritesh Kumar Verma & Others.

Ritesh Verma @ Ritesh Kumar Verma, Aged 28 years
 S/o Rajkumar Verma @ Rajo Verma
 R/o Village – Kare, P.S. – Sheikhpura
 District – Sheikhpura.....Petitioner.

Vs.

The State of BiharOpposite Party.

For the Petitioner :- Sri Atosh Kumar Sinha, Ld. Advocate.

For the O. P. (State) :- Sri Uday Narayan Sinha, Ld. P.P.

ORDER

21.04.2026 Anticipatory bail petition has been filed on behalf of accused petitioner Ritesh Verma @ Ritesh Kumar Verma apprehending arrest in connection with Kusumbha P.S. Case No. 16/2026. The present case has been registered against the accused petitioner and others for committing the offence U/s. 87, 137(2) of B.N.S. The present petitioner is also named in the FIR with the allegation that he has committed the alleged offence of kidnapping. Hence, he has moved this anticipatory bail petition U/s. 482 of B.N.S.S-2023. Trial Court record has been received. Ld. P.P. submitted case diary.

As per written report of informant Brajesh Patel, prosecution story in brief is that on 08.02.2026 at about 06:00 A.M., upon waking up, he found that his 15-year-old daughter, Srishti Bharti, who had been sleeping in a room on the terrace, was missing from the house. He immediately started searching the surrounding area, but he found nothing. During the course of his search, some villagers informed him that, around 11:00 P.M. the previous night, they had seen a boy and a girl riding away on a motorcycle; however, due to the darkness, they were unable to identify the motorcycle's licence plate number or the faces of the individuals. Upon receiving this information, the entire family searched extensively in various places and attempted to gather clues by contacting their relatives and extended family members. When informant's daughter remained unfound, informant checked the jewellery and cash kept in the house and found that his daughter had taken with her, her mother's gold chain, bracelet, ring, and nose ring items weighing approximately 50 grams in total. During the investigation, it was revealed that a boy had communicated with the informant's daughter via Snapchat using her mother's mobile number (9798652641). The

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21.04.2026 mobile number associated with the Snapchat account was identified as 7061149258; Upon investigation, it was confirmed that the boy in question was named Sachin Kumar. When informant and others went to his residence to make enquiry, Sachin Kumar was not at home, only his brother Ritesh Verma and his mother were present. Both of them verbally abused the visitors and threatened them with physical violence. The complainant alleges that Sachin Kumar, with malicious intent, abducted his minor daughter Srishti Bharti, on the night of 08.02.2026, he fears that Sachin may cause her harm. Furthermore, he also states that Sachin's brother and mother are involved in this crime.

Learned Advocate for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged, rather he has been falsely implicated in this case. Earlier, the accused petitioner has not filed any bail petition before this Court or before Hon'ble High Court, Patna. The accused petitioner has no criminal antecedent. The informant has lodged the said FIR on the basis of suspicion. The informant went to the petitioner's house falsely accusing him and threatening to kill him. The accused petitioner then stated that he was not at fault and that he would call the villagers. Upon hearing this, the informant fled, as detailed by the informant in the FIR. The accused petitioner is being harassed by the informant by making up a fabricated story. The accused petitioner is a law-abiding person and he is ready to obey each and every direction of this Court.

Ld. P.P. opposed the prayer for bail of accused petitioner and has submitted that accused petitioner is involved in the alleged occurrence. Investigation is still pending.

Heard the learned Advocate for the accused petitioner as well as Ld. Public Prosecutor and perused the record. From perusal of case record, it transpires that accused petitioner is the brother of main accused Sachin Kumar and there is general and omnibus allegation against him. From perusal of case diary, it appears that witnesses of the case diary have also stated in general and omnibus manner regarding the accused petitioner. There is no eyewitness of the alleged incident, even the informant of this case is not an eyewitness. No one saw the accused Sachin Kumar taking the informant's daughter away with him on the night of the incident. Furthermore, from perusal of the written complaint, it is clear that there is no allegation of kidnapping against the accused petitioner, the only allegation against the accused petitioner is that when the informant went to his house after the incident to complain

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21.04.2026 the accused petitioner verbally abused and threatened him. Perusal of FIR reveals that it only alleges the involvement of the accused petitioner. However, even after two months of investigation, no concrete evidence regarding his involvement has been produced against the petitioner. From above discussion, it appear that the allegation leveled against the accused petitioners is post-incident allegation, involving only verbal abuse and threats, and these allegations are general and vague. Further, as per Para 3 of anticipatory bail petition, the accused petitioner has no criminal antecedent and there is no mention about the criminal history of the accused petitioner in the entire case diary. Investigation is going on in this case. Considering the above facts and circumstances, the present anticipatory bail petition of the accused petitioner Ritesh Verma @ Ritesh Kumar Verma is hereby allowed and in the event of arrest or surrender within 15 days from today, accused petitioner Ritesh Verma @ Ritesh Kumar Verma be enlarged on anticipatory bail under Section 482(2) B.N.S.S on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of Ld. Trial Court, subject to the condition that—

- 1. One of the sureties shall be close relative of accused petitioner.**
- 2. Accused petitioner shall fully cooperate in the investigation and shall appear before the I.O. as and when required.**
- 3. Accused petitioner shall appear before the Ld. Trial Court on each and every dates till framing of the charge.**
- 4. Accused petitioner shall provide his mobile number and Whats App numbers in writing to the Ld. Trial Court at the time of furnishing bail bond, and shall also undertake not to change his mobile number until the trial is concluded without the permission of the Ld. Trial Court.**

Dictated.

Principal District & Sessions Judge
 Sheikhpura.
 21.04.2026

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