

In the Court of **PUNEET KUMAR GARG**, Sessions Judge, Saran at Chapra

**Bail Petition No. 333 of 2026 (Sonpur P.S. Case No. 497/2024)**

Shailesh Kumar @ Shailesh Kumar Sahni @ Kaliya V/s State of Bihar

**ORDER**

S.No.	Date	Contents	Remarks
01	10.03.2026	<p>1. Heard learned counsel representing the petitioner-accused as well as learned Public Prosecutor representing the State on bail petition of petitioner-accused, namely, <b>Shailesh Kumar @ Shailesh Kumar Sahni @ Kaliya</b>, who has been in custody since 17.01.2026 in this <i>Sonpur P.S. Case No. 497/2024</i>, registered u/ss. 25(1-B)(a), 26 &amp; 35 of the Arms Act, 1959.</p> <p>2. An FIR of this case has been registered on the basis of a typed application of the informant, namely, <i>Kundan Kumar</i>, who is posted at Sonepur Police Station as Sub-Inspector, alleging that on the basis of the confessional statement of arrested accused Shahzad Alam @ A.B. Diviliyars @ Body Miyan and Shivam Kumar @ Bholia, it was disclosed that they along with other associates including this petitioner-accused had made a plan at the instance of accused Akash Kumar, who was in jail, to commit extortion. It is further alleged that pursuant to the said plan, the above named accused persons arranged a motorcycle and illegal firearm and on 30.05.2024, they went near Chhotka Banya Pul under Derani Police Station area, where they stopped a passerby and snatched his mobile phone. Thereafter, by using the said mobile phone and SIM card, they made calls to <i>Rajkumar Rai</i>, former <i>Mukhiya</i> of <i>Kalyanpur</i>, and <i>Vikram Singh</i> of <i>Baijalpur</i> and demanded Rs. 50,00,000/- (fifty lakh rupees) as ransom and also threatened them with dire consequences in case the amount was not paid. It is further alleged that after arrest of the above accused persons, the Police conducted a raid in the mango orchard at village <i>Manpur</i>, where from the bushes a country-made single barrel pistol and two live cartridges of KF 8 mm were recovered and seized in presence of witnesses. On the basis of the said allegations, this case has been registered against the above named accused persons including this petitioner-accused.</p> <p>3. It is contended on behalf of learned counsel representing the petitioner-accused that he is quite innocent, has not committed any offence as alleged in the FIR, has falsely and wrongly been implicated in this false case only because of high-handedness of the Police. Next asserted that no any regular or anticipatory bail petition has been filed or moved on behalf of this petitioner-accused either in this Court or any Court of law in connection with the present case. The petitioner-accused has two criminal antecedents <i>vide</i> Derni P.S. Case No. 244/2022 &amp; Sonepur P.S. Case No. 455/2024, except this one. The petitioner-accused has been in custody since 17.01.2026. Further contended that the allegations levelled against the petitioner-accused are totally false, baseless and concocted. Nothing incriminating has been</p>	

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	<p>recovered from his conscious possession. Next added that the petitioner-accused is ready to furnish sureties as required by the Court. Therefore, it is prayed that the petitioner-accused may be enlarged on bail.</p> <p><b>4.</b> On the other hand, learned Public Prosecutor representing the State vehemently opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner-accused.</p> <p><b>5.</b> Heard both the sides and perused the material available on record. From the same, it appears that the name of the petitioner-accused has transpired in this case on the basis of the confessional statement of the co-accused persons, who disclosed that the petitioner-accused along with his other criminal associates had made a plan, at the instance of accused <i>Akash Kumar</i>, to commit extortion by creating fear and terror among the public. It further appears that pursuant to the said plan, the accused persons arranged illegal firearm and other means and made preparation for committing the alleged offence. It also appears from the record that a country-made single barrel pistol along with two live cartridges has been recovered from the bushes in the mango orchard at village <i>Manpur</i> during police raid, which was concealed by the associates of the petitioner-accused and recovered in course of the investigation. Further, from paragraph no. 3 of the bail petition, it appears that the petitioner-accused is also named in two other criminal cases.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Considering the nature and gravity of the allegations as well as the criminal antecedents of the petitioner-accused, this Court is of the view that if the petitioner-accused is released on bail at this stage, there is every likelihood that he may again indulge in similar criminal activities.</p> <p><b>7.</b> Accordingly, <b>I</b> am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner-accused at this stage. Hence, the prayer for bail of the petitioner-accused, namely, <b><i>Shailesh Kumar @ Shailesh Kumar Sahni @ Kaliya</i></b> stands <b>rejected</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Dictated]</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Puneet Kumar Garg),</b> Sessions Judge, Saran 10.03.2026</p>	