

In the court of the 1st Addl. Sessions Judge, Sitamarhi.

Anticipatory Bail Petition No. 133/2026

Runa Paswan..... Petitioner.

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ORDER.

20.04.2026.

1. Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner, **Runa Paswan, D/o- Sri Shiv Paswan,** who is apprehending his arrest in connection with Bokhra P.S. Case No. 10/2026, registered Under Sections – U/S- 420, 467, 468, 120(B) I.P.C. Also heard the learned Addl. P.P. for the State, the learned counsel for the informant.
2. As per prosecution case, the F.I.R has been instituted on the basis of direction passed by the Hon'ble High Court in Public Interest Litigation bearing C.W.J.C. No. 15459/2014, whereby verification of educational certificates of teachers appointed between the years 2000 to 2015 was directed. It is alleged that during verification conducted by the Vigilance Investigation Bureau, Patna, the Madhyama marksheet submitted by the petitioner at the time of her appointment as Block Teacher in the year 2006 was sent for verification to the concerned Board namely Bihar Sanskrit Shiksha Board, Patna and upon verification the said marksheet bearing Roll Code-9, Roll No.- 291, Year-2000 was declared forged and fake. It is further alleged that the petitioner in connivance with others used forged certificate in the name of another person and thereby fraudulently obtained government employment and wrongful pecuniary benefit, which constitutes offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 120(B) of the I.P.C.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. It has further been submitted that the petitioner was appointed after due verification by the appointing authority and she has been serving since long period. It is also contended that the certificate submitted by the petitioner is genuine and the enquiry has not been properly conducted. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent and undertakes to cooperate in the investigation.
4. On the other hand, learned A.P.P. opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail and submitted that the case diary reveals serious allegations against the petitioner. It is submitted that from perusal of Case Diary paragraph nos. 2 and 3, it appears that the educational certificate submitted by the petitioner has been verified from the concerned authority and the same has been found to be forged and fake. It is further submitted that despite detection of forged certificate, the petitioner has not resigned from service and continues to hold government post on the basis of forged document,

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which shows her conduct and intention. It is also submitted that the offence involves forgery of valuable security and cheating in obtaining government employment which is a serious offence affecting public administration.

5. On perusal of the case diary and materials available on record, particularly paragraph nos. 2 and 3 of the case diary, it prima facie appears that the matric certificate submitted by the petitioner at the time of appointment has been found to be forged by the competent authority. Her matric certificate is forged and fabricated. It is also alleged that she submitted Sheela Kumar's Madhyama Marksheet as her own mark sheet.

Ld. Lawyer on behalf of petitioner submit that why would she submit a certificate of 3rd Division Pass and why not a certificate of Ist Division.

Further she said that she is a lady. So what? She continued in her job, has not resigned and strangely enough went into abstentions. Even if she is woman, this court does not think the benefit of Anticipatory bail be accorded to her, given her audacity in continuing with the service and going on long leave.

6. Considering the nature and gravity of accusation, seriousness of offence, manner of commission of offence, materials available in the case diary and the fact that the petitioner allegedly obtained public employment on the basis of forged certificate and is still continuing in service, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner **Runa Paswan** is hereby **rejected**.

(Dictated & corrected)

Sd/-

(Rajiv Kumar),

District & Addl. Sessions Judge I,
Sitamarhi.

Dated:- 20.04.2026.