

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr. M. P. No. 559 of 2025

Mukesh Barik, aged about 22 years, son of Late Ganshiram Barik,
resident of village Hesal, P.O.Rajnagar, P.S. Rajnagar, District Seraikella-
Kharsawan. Petitioner(s)

Versus

- 1. The State of Jharkhand.
- 2. The victim Opp. Parties

CORAM : HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Rajesh Kr. Mishra, Advocate
For the State : Mr. P. D. Agrawal, Spl.P.P.

02/11.04.2025

The petitioner has filed this criminal miscellaneous petition for quashing of the entire criminal proceedings in connection with Seraikella P.S. Case No.130/2022, corresponding to POCSO Case No.03/2023, registered under Sections 323, 366-A, 376 & 506 of the Indian Penal Code, Sections 6,8,10 of POCSO Act and Section 9 of Child Marriage Act, pending in the Court of District & Additional Sessions Judge-I at Seraikella.

2. It is alleged that on 15.08.2022, the petitioner had enticed away 17 years old minor daughter of the informant to leave her lawful guardianship. It further appears that petitioner took her to various places and established physical relationship with her and also performed marriage in Puri, Orissa.

3. From the perusal of the aforesaid facts, it appears that the *prima facie* case under Sections 366-A & 376 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 6,8,10 of POCSO Act is made out.

4. This criminal miscellaneous petition stands dismissed. Pending I.A., if any, also stands disposed of.

(Ambuj Nath, J.)

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