

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.55807 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-261 Year-2020 Thana- GAURICHAK District- Patna

Ravindra Manjhi, S/O - Sadhu Manjhi @ Sanju Manjhi, R/o - Sonachak, P.S-
Gaurichak, Distt.- Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ajit Ranjan Kumar, Adv.

Ms. Anamika, Adv.

For the State : Mr. Binod Kumar No. 3, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHAILENDRA SINGH
ORAL ORDER

- 4 20-09-2024 1. Heard Mr. Ajit Ranjan Kumar, learned counsel
for the petitioner and Mr. Binod Kumar No. 3, learned APP
for the State.
2. Petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with
S.Tr. No. 579 of 2023 corresponding to Gaurichak P.S. Case
No. 261 of 2020 dated 25.08.2020 registered for the offences
punishable under Sections 307, 308 and 326 of the Indian
Penal Code.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
this is the second attempt of the petitioner to get the relief of
regular bail as his earlier bail prayer was rejected by this
Bench vide order dated 17.02.2023 passed in Cr. Misc. No.
47006/2022 and petitioner has again come before this Court



mainly on the ground of his custody period which has been about three years, and also, no progress in his trial as till date only two prosecution witnesses out of eight have been examined and both the witnesses have not supported the prosecution case. It is further submitted that the deceased who happened to be the wife of this petitioner sustained burn injuries accidentally and the petitioner's father admitted the deceased at the hospital concerned and the petitioner was not present at that time in his house and he was outside for the purpose of his livelihood. Learned counsel further submits that the informant, who happens to be the father-in-law of the petitioner, made allegation mainly on the basis of getting an information regarding the alleged act of the petitioner from his daughter (deceased) when she was alive but the said fact is not believable as according to the discharge summary issued by Vardhaman Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital, Pawapuri, Nalanda, Bihar where the deceased was initially treated, there were 99% burn injuries to the deceased, so in such a situation, it is not believable that the deceased was capable to say something at the relevant time.

4. Learned APP appearing for the State has opposed the bail prayer of the petitioner.



5. Having considered the petitioner’s custody period which has been about three years, and the slowness of the prosecution in producing the prosecution witnesses, and also, taking into account the petitioner’s family background, this Court is now inclined to release him on bail. Accordingly, let the petitioner named-above be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/-(Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the Court concerned in connection with S.Tr. No. 579 of 2023 corresponding to Gaurichak P.S. Case No. 261 of 2020.

(Shailendra Singh, J)

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