

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.4509 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-71 Year-2024 Thana- AWTARNAGAR District- Saran

Jainath Mahto S/o Late Jhulan Mahto R/o Vill.- Madanpur (Bindtoli), P.S.-
Awtarnagar, Distt.- Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vishesh Kumar Singh, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Umeshanand Pandit, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RUDRA PRAKASH
MISHRA**

ORAL ORDER

2 04-02-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Awtarnagar P.S. Case No. 71 of 2024 instituted for the
offences under Sections 304-B and 201 of the Indian Penal
Code.

3. As per prosecution case, the accusation against
the accused persons including the petitioner is of being
involved in committing murder of the deceased due to non-
fulfillment of dowry demand.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence as



alleged against him and has falsely been implicated in the present case. The petitioner is the father-in-law of the deceased and is 85 years of age as also has no concern with the family matters. The petitioner has never demanded dowry. The petitioner has also no concern with his son as he lives separately from them since last ten years. There is no direct or specific allegation of any overt act against the petitioner rather the same is general and omnibus in nature. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent and is languishing in judicial custody since 31.08.2024 without any rhymes or reason.

5. On the other hand, learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner, stating that the offence alleged against the petitioner is serious in nature as the deceased has died at her Sasural within seven years of her marriage.

6. Having heard rival contention of both the parties and considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, the period of custody of the petitioner, the petitioner having no criminal antecedent as also taking into account the



advance age of petitioner, let the petitioner, abovenamed, be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Court below/concerned Court in connection with Awtarnagar P.S. Case No. 71 of 2024.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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