

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.25284 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-123 Year-2024 Thana- SHAHKUND District- Bhagalpur

Sakaldeo Mahto, Son of Late Bhim Mahto, Resident of Belthu, Police Station
- Shahkund, District - Bhagalpur.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Raghav Prasad, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Tiwary, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA SHEKHAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

3 28-07-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner
and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the
State.

2.The accused/petitioner seeks bail in
connection with Shahkund P.S. Case No.123 of
2024 registered for the offences punishable under
Sections 304 and 201 of the Indian Penal Code as
well as Sections 3 and 4 Dowry Prohibition Act.

3.The accused/petitioner is named in the
FIR and is in custody since 29.08.2024.

4. As per FIR, the sister of the informant
was killed by her husband along with other co-
accused persons/family members including this
petitioner due to non-fulfilment of demand of



dowry as raised for cash of Rs.2 lacs.

5. It is submitted by learned counsel appearing for petitioner that petitioner is brother-in-law of the husband of the deceased living separately, having no connection with daily and domestic affairs with the deceased and her husband and the maximum allegation appears available against him to help the husband of other family members of the deceased to conceal the dead body. It is submitted that father-in-law was granted bail by one of the learned co-ordinate Bench of this Court through Cr. Misc. No.21103 of 2025 dated 23.04.2025. While concluding argument, it is submitted that investigation of this case is already completed, for which, charge-sheet has been submitted and, as such, there is no chance of tampering with the evidence.

6. Learned APP opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner.

7. In view of aforesaid factual submissions and by taking note of the fact as petitioner is in-laws, *prima facie* living separately, coupled with



the fact that investigation of this case is already completed, where petitioner is in custody since 29.08.2024, accordingly, the petitioner, above-named, is directed to be released on bail furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-XIX, Bhagalpur in connection with S.Tr. No.867 of 2024 arising out of Shahkund P.S. Case No.123 of 2024 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 437(3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short 'CrPC')/under Section 480(3) of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (for short 'BNSS').

(Chandra Shekhar Jha, J.)

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