

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.38459 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-71 Year-2010 Thana- VIJAYEPUR District- Gopalganj

Sohan Ram S/O Late Bhikhari Ram R/O Village- Mathauli, P.S- Vijaipur,
Distt.- Gopalganj.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Satyendra Rai, Adv.

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

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

ORAL ORDER

3 12-08-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with S. Trial
No. 246 of 2024 arising out of Vijaipur P.S. Case No. 71 of 2010
instituted for the offences under Sections 498(A), 302/34 of the
Indian Penal Code.

3. As per prosecution case, the petitioners along with
other family members locked the informant's sister in a room
along with her children and set her on fire. It is further alleged
that they all were burnt to death.

4. The petitioner has renewed his prayer for grant of
regular bail which was earlier rejected by this Court vide order
dated 21.09.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 44306 of 2024.



5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 27.01.2024 and has no criminal antecedent. He further submits that the trial is going on and out of nine charge-sheet witnesses, five witnesses have been examined and they have not supported the prosecution case. The last witness was examined on 20.03.2025.

6. In compliance to the order of this Court dated 24.06.2025, the learned court below has sent report dated 07.07.2025 regarding present stage of trial.

7. The report of the learned Succ. 1st Additional Sessions Judge, Gopalganj dated 07.07.2025 suggests that out of 16 charge-sheet witnesses, five witnesses have been examined and remaining 11 witnesses have to be examined. The last witness was examined on 20.03.2025.

8. There is no new ground to consider the bail application of the petitioner.

9. In that view of the matter, the present application is again rejected with a direction to the court below to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously preferably within a period of five months from today.

10. If the trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period of five months, the petitioner will be at liberty to renew



his prayer for bail before the learned court below.

11. The District Magistrate, Gopalganj and the Superintendent of Police, Gopalganj are directed to ensure presence of the witnesses on time as and when required by the learned court below.

12. Let a copy of this order be sent to the District Magistrate, Gopalganj and the Superintendent of Police, Gopalganj for strict compliance of this order.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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