

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.36314 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-338 Year-2024 Thana- GARKHA District- Saran

Harilal Manjhi S/O Late Etwar Manjhi R/O Villae- Pherusa, P.S- Garkha,
Distt.- Saran (Chapra).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Hemant Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ram Sevak Choudhary, APP

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

ORAL ORDER

3 18-08-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP
for the State. Perused the case diary.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Garkha
P.S. Case No. 338 of 2024 instituted for the offence under
Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. Prosecution case, in short, is that on 14.06.2024,
informant's daughter who was married to petitioner and residing
at her in-laws' house, was murdered by her husband. He alleged
that in the early hours of the same day, petitioner killed Pavitri
Devi by slitting her throat with an axe while she was asleep.

4. It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner
that the petitioner is in custody since 14-06-2024. Petitioner
bears no criminal antecedent, as per disclosure made in
paragraph No. 3 of the bail application.



5. It has been further submitted by the petitioner's counsel that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. As per FIR, allegation against this petitioner is of committing murder of his wife by slitting her throat with *garasa*. Informant is not an eye witness. Charge sheet has already been submitted in this case.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner. There is direct allegation against the petitioner of slitting throat of his wife by means of axe, which is corroborated by the postmortem report, wherein it is opined by the doctor that the death is caused due to hypovolemic shock due to traumatic injury. Moreover, petitioner has confessed his guilt in his confessional statement.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, there being direct allegation against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner is hereby *rejected*.

8. The Trial Court is directed to expedite the trial as expeditiously as possible without any undue delay and unnecessary adjournments.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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