

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.48374 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-627 Year-2024 Thana- SAKRA District- Muzaffarpur

Ratnesh Jha, S/o Harishankar Jha, Resident of Village- Malpur Agrail, P.S.-
Sakra, District- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY
ORAL ORDER

4 04-12-2025 Heard Mr. Alok Kumar Alok, learned counsel for the
petitioner and Mr. Binod Kumar, learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner has prayed for bail in connection
with Sakra P.S. Case No. 627 of 2024 registered for the offence
punishable under Section 80 of B.N.S..

3. The case of the prosecution, in short, is that Nikita
Kumari, the deceased was married with the petitioner on
03.12.2023. It is further alleged that the deceased was subjected
to cruelty on account of non-fulfillment of dowry demand of
bullet. It is further alleged that on 08.11.2024, the informant
reached the matrimonial house of the deceased with *prashad*
where she disclosed that she may be killed due to non-
fulfillment of the demand of bullet. On 7.11.2024, the informant
received an information that the deceased was ill and was



admitted in Muzaffapur Hospital. The information was given by the petitioner and after some time, he received the information given by the petitioner that the deceased has died.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. He has been falsely implicated in this case. The occurrence is of 17.11.2024 whereas the F.I.R. has been lodged on 14.12.2024. There is considerable delay in filing of the F.I.R. From perusal of the postmortem report, it is clear that doctor has found only ligature mark of size 6"x1" on left side of neck. No other antemortem injury was found and the doctor has opined that the cause of death is Asphyxia due to hanging. It has also been submitted that the deceased was short tempered and that she has committed suicide otherwise some other antemortem injuries must be there and the delay in filing the F.I.R. shows that this case is an afterthought one. Petitioner is having no criminal antecedent and he is languishing in judicial custody since 20.01.2025.

5. Learned APP appearing for the State has vehemently opposed the application for bail.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is



inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. The above named petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. ten thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned 20th Additional Sessions Judge, Muzaffarpur in connection with Sakra P.S. Case No. 627 of 2024.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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