

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.63024 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-5 Year-2024 Thana- ANGARH District- Purnia

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Keshav Kumar Das @ Papai @ Papai Das, Son of Late Arun Kumar Das,
Resident of village- Kanjiya, P.S.- Angarh, District- Purnia

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Radha Mohan Singh, Advocate.
For the State : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Tiwary, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 14-11-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Angarh
P.S. Case No. 05 of 2024 registered for the offences punishable
under Sections 304(B) and 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. As per allegation, the petitioner along with co-
accused has committed dowry death of his wife.

4. Previous similar petition of the petitioner for
regular bail was rejected by this Court vide order dated
25.10.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. 77312 of 2024. However,
learned Trial Court was directed to expedite the trial, but as per
report from learned court below, the case has been committed to
the Court of Sessions, but there is no further progress in the
trial.



5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been in custody for above one year and nine months since 17.2.2024 and there is no chance of disposal of the trial in near future. Hence, he may be enlarged on regular bail in view of period of custody.

6. It has also been stated in paragraph no. 3 of the bail petition that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent.

7. However, learned APP for the State vehemently opposes the prayer of the petitioner for bail submitting that the petitioner is husband and even admittedly, the deceased has committed suicide which comes under the definition of dowry death if suicide is committed within seven years of marriage, and undisputedly, the admitted suicide has been committed by the deceased within seven years of marriage. Hence, it is a case of dowry death and petitioner is husband.

8. Considering the fact that the petitioner is husband and admittedly, the deceased has committed suicide which comes under the definition of dowry death, this Court is not persuaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail at this stage.

9. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner stands rejected.

10. However, the petitioner has been already in



custody for one year and nine months and trial is not progressive as it should have been, learned Trial court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same within one year, failing which the petitioner would be at liberty to renew his prayer for bail.

(Jitendra Kumar, J)

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