

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.14216 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-157 Year-2025 Thana- BELCHHI District- Patna

SANTU KUMAR S/o Ram Janam Prasad @ Ramjanm Prasad Resident of
Village- Jakki, Police Station- Bind, District- Nalanda

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Nilendu Kumar Choudhary, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Anish Chandra, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRAVEEN KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 20-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with Belchhi P.S. Case No. 157 of 2025 dated 02.09.2025 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 103(2) and 3(4) of B.N.S.

3. As per the allegation, the daughter of the informant was married with the petitioner in the year 2014 and after marriage, the petitioner who happens to be the husband as well as in-laws of his daughter used to torture the daughter of the informant in relation to demand of dowry. It has been alleged that the informant parted with Rs. 2 lakhs to the in-laws of his daughter. It has been further alleged that on 31.08.2025, the informant got information that his daughter, namely, Sujata



Kumari had been drown in a pond. The informant expressed firm belief that the petitioner along with in-laws have murdered his daughter in relation to demand of dowry.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that although the petitioner is the husband of the deceased, but there is no iota of evidence against him. He has further submitted that although there is allegation of demand of dowry and alleged torture for non-fulfillment of the same but the FIR has not been registered under Section 498(A) of the IPC. The marriage was solemnized in the year 2014 and there is no allegation that ever demand of dowry was made. Learned counsel for the petitioner has also submitted that in fact U.D. case was registered at the behest of the petitioner which is still under investigation. The informant with oblique motive has lodged the present case after a delay of two days when he was aware of the fact that deceased was accidentally drown. Moreover, he took part in the cremation and its rituals. It has further been submitted that after thorough investigation charge-sheet has been filed under Section 108 B.N.S. There is no eye-witness to the alleged occurrence of murder. The petitioner is in custody since 14.10.2025 having no criminal antecedent and a child out of wedlock is not being properly cared due to long



incarceration of the petitioner.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

6. Perused the record and considered the submissions of the parties as well as the facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner above-named is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Court concerned, Barh, Patna in connection with Belchhi P.S. Case No. 157 of 2025.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Praveen Kumar, J)

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