

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.19906 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-108 Year-2017 Thana- LAHERIYASARAI District- Darbhanga

Praveen Kumar Gupta @ Vikky @ Praveen Kr. Gupta S/o Late Kailash Prasad Gupta Postal Address of Mohalla - Balbhadrapur, P.S - Laheriasarai, District - Darbhanga, Permanent Address of Village - Kotwali Chowk Naka No. 05, P.S - Town, District - Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Md Wasim Ahmad
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Kumar Veerendra Narayan
Mr. Shyam Kumar Singh

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 31-03-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Laheriyasarai P.S. Case No. 108 of 2017 registered for the offence under Sections 341, 323, 324, 307, 379, 504, 427 and 326/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. As per the prosecution case, for a dispute for vacating the shop, on the order of one Kailash Prasad Gupta, his wife and daughter brought the petrol in gallons and the petitioner and others are said to have poured the same on the deceased and it is alleged that the petitioner has set the victim ablaze because of which the victim/deceased sustained injuries



and during the course of treatment, he died.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and he is rooting in jail since 26.03.2017. He further submits that the petitioner has a right of speedy trial as the trial has not yet been concluded and the petitioner is in custody for more than nine years. In support of this submission, learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon a decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court rendered in the case of *Pradeep Kumar @ Banu vs. State of Punjab (Criminal Appeal No.1341 of 2026, arising out of S.L.P. (Crl.) No.18775 of 2025)*.

5. Learned APP for the State has opposed the prayer of the petitioner for grant of bail.

6. Considering the period of custody of the petitioner, delay in trial and the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Pradeep Kumar @ Banu (supra)*, this bail application is allowed.

7. Let the petitioner, above named, be released on bail upon furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned concerned Court below in connection with Laheriyasarai P.S. Case No. 108 of 2017.



8. As a condition of this order, the petitioner, after being released on bail, is directed to co-operate in the trial either by appearing personally or through his lawyer in the trial Court on each and every date fixed by the trial Court. Non-compliance of the condition will result in cancellation of the bail bonds of the petitioner.

9. It is, however, clarified that the observations made herein are limited to the adjudication of the present bail application and shall not prejudice the case of the petitioner at any subsequent stage of the trial and this Court has not express any opinion on the merits of the case.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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