

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18253 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-167 Year-2025 Thana- Bhawanipur District- Bhagalpur

Jawahar Mandal Son of Late Bhim Mandal R/o Village - Birbanna, P.S. -
Bhawanipur, District - Bhagalpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Ranjan Kumar Jha, Advocate
		Ms. Kumari Nitu, Advocate
		Mr. Vikas Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s :		Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY
ORAL ORDER

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1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with Bhawanipur P.S. Case no.167 of 2025, registered under sections 103(1), 80 and 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. As per the prosecution case, the informant states that her daughter was married to the petitioner herein. Soon after the marriage, the accused persons including the petitioner herein who happens to be her husband used to torture her for demand of dowry. It is stated that ultimately they assaulted and injured her and thereafter pressing her neck, she was killed.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case only for the



reason that he happens to be the husband of the deceased. The allegations as levelled in the FIR are all false and concocted. It was over a trivial dispute that the deceased hung herself after pushing out the petitioner and locking herself inside the room. At the time of occurrence, the mother of the deceased was present at the petitioner's place and she has given a statement to this effect which has been recorded in the case diary. The petitioner is in custody since 8.10.2025 and has no criminal antecedent. He undertakes to cooperate in the investigation/trial.

5. The application for bail is opposed by learned APP for the State, who submits that though it is not disputed that mother of the deceased was present at the time of occurrence and after a fight with the petitioner, the deceased had locked herself inside the room, however from the contents of the postmortem report it would transpire that the cause of death is said to be antemortem throttling. Accepting the statement of mother of the deceased, it was the petitioner who had assaulted her just before her death.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the allegations in the FIR, the material that has transpired in course of investigation including the statement of witnesses and the postmortem report, the Court is



not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail and the application is rejected.

7. Liberty is granted to the petitioner to renew his prayer for bail on completing one year in custody or after framing of charge, whichever is later.

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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