

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.20048 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-316 Year-2025 Thana- PAKRIDAYAL District- East Champaran

Mantu Prasad son of Vakil Prasad Resident of Village- Majhar Tola Shiv
nagar PS- Pakaridayal Distt- East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mrs. Usha Kumari, Advocate

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY
ORAL ORDER

3 18-05-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State through virtual mode.

2. The petitioner has prayed for regular bail in a case registered for the offence punishable under sections 126(2), 115(2), 85, 80 and 3(5) of BNS and $\frac{3}{4}$ of D.P. Act.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the daughter of the informant, namely, Punam (deceased) was married to this petitioner. It is alleged that she was subjected to cruelty on account of non-fulfillment of dowry demand of a bike and golden chain. She was pregnant and was carrying a fetus of eight and half months. On 26.05.2025, she was beaten badly. On 28.06.2025, the informant got information that the deceased has died.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the



petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that there was no demand of dowry by the in-laws. It has further submitted that she was carrying a fetus of eight and half months. She was being treated which is apparent from the supplementary affidavit. It has further submitted that from perusal of the postmortem report, it transpires that the doctor conducting the autopsy of the deceased has not found any external injury on the person of the deceased whereas according to the case of the prosecution, she was being assaulted badly by the in-laws and the petitioner. It has further been submitted that the cause of death was not ascertained and the viscera was preserved and from perusal of the FSL, it transpires that no metallic, alkaloidal, glycosidal, pesticidal or volatile poison could be detected in the contents of plastic jars marked A1 to A12 as described above. A statement has been made in para-3 of this petition that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent. Moreover, he is languishing in judicial custody since 05.01.2026.

5. Learned APP appearing for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer of regular 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 released on bail in connection with Pakaridayal P.S. Case No. 316 of 2025 on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned C.J.M., Motihari, East Champaran.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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