

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.22998 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-195 Year-2023 Thana- MANJHAGARH District- Gopalganj

Vishal Soni S/O Bharat Soni @ Bharat Sah Resident of Village- Shahpur, P.S-
Manjhagrah, Distt.- Gopalganj.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Aadesh Raj Singh, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr.Bharat Bhushan, APP
For the Informant	:	Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 30-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner; learned APP
for the State and learned counsel for the informant.

2. This is the third attempt on behalf of the petitioner for grant of bail in connection with Manjhagarh P.S. Case No. 195 of 2023 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 27 of the Arms Act.

3. Earlier the bail application of the petitioner has been rejected vide order dated 28.06.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 25275 of 2024, which reads as under:

“Heard learned counsel for the petitioner; learned APP for the State and learned counsel for the informant.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Manjhagarh P.S. Case No. 195 of 2023 registered for the offence punishable



under Sections 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 27 of the Arms Act.

3. The deceased was killed by hired criminals. The petitioner is one of the criminals who was hired along with three other criminals and they went on two motorcycles and they killed the deceased. The petitioner is in jail since 17.08.2023.

4. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has been falsely implicated and except for the fact that he has been named in the FIR, there is no material to connect him with the crime. He also submits that Mithun's father was killed and therefore, the petitioner has been falsely implicated.

5. Learned APP for the State and learned counsel for the informant have opposed the prayer for bail.

6. As the petitioner is named in the FIR and has participated in the killing of the deceased, I am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the application stands dismissed."

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in the trial out of seven witnesses, four witnesses have been examined but learned counsel for the informant submits that five out of seven witnesses have been examined.

5. Considering the gravity of the offence, the fact that the trial has started and no fresh ground for grant of bail is made out, I am not inclined to review my earlier order.

6. Accordingly, the application stands dismissed.

7. 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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