IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.42121 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC010572912026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-139 Year-1999 Thana- DHAMDAHA District- Purnia

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Sunil Dom @ Sunil Mehatar Son of Late Buddhu Mahatar Resident of Gadhiya Balua, P.S.- K. Nagar, District- Purnea.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Raj Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pandey, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY

ORAL ORDER

4 27-10-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner has prayed for bail in connection with Dhamdaha P.S. Case No. 139 of 1999 registered for the offence punishable under Section 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. The case of the prosecution, in short, is that the informant of this case, Asha Devi (deceased), was married to the petitioner, and it is alleged that the petitioner poured kerosene oil on her and put fire to her and during treatment she succumbed to the injuries.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the

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petitioner has submitted that petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. He has been falsely implicated in this case. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that actually the death has taken place at the house of the sister-in-law of the deceased and that the deceased herself has put her on fire. He has further submitted that from perusal of the post-mortem report, it transpires that the deceased died due to burn injuries and the FIR has been filed by the deceased herself. Moreover, a statement has been made in para 3 of the petition that petitioner has no criminal antecedent and he is languishing in judicial custody since 11.02.2026.

5. The application for bail is opposed by learned APP for the State.

6. A report regarding the stage of the trial was also called for from the learned trial court and from perusal of the said report, it transpires that, out of the 10 witnesses, 4 have been examined so far.

7. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail however he may renew his prayer for bail after six months if the trial is not concluded.

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8. Learned trial court is directed to expedite the trial.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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