

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.72260 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-269 Year-2023 Thana- SONEPUR District- Saran

Shashi Ranjan, S/o- Manoj Bhagat @ Manoj Bhakt, R/o Village-Mathurapur,
P.S.-Sahebganj, Dist-Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sanjeet Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Satyendra Prasad, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA SHEKHAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

2 05-02-2026 Heard learned counsel appearing on
behalf of the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the
State.

2. Petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Session Trial No. 614 of 2023 arising out of
Sonepur P.S. Case No. 269 of 2023 registered for
the offences under Sections 396 of the Indian Penal
Code and Section 27 of the Arms Act.

3. The petitioner is not named in the First
Information Report and is in custody since
12.07.2023.

4. Allegation against the petitioner is to
commit dacoity in Bank alongwith other co-
accused persons and while committing so, opened



indiscriminate firing upon two constables, who were deputed for security causing their death on spot and looted away cash of Rs. 13,28,197/-.

5. It is submitted by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner that name of the petitioner transpired during course of investigation on the basis of confessional statement of co-accused Md. Jasmin, where in furtherance of said confessional statement, no incriminating material recovered/surfaced during course of investigation as to connect petitioner *prima-facie* with the present occurrence of dacoity and murder.

6. It is submitted that petitioner was not put on Test Identification Parade as yet. Petitioner is a man of clean antecedent.

7. It is further submitted that similarly situated co-accused persons namely, Sukhari Rai @ Raja Babu and Gautam Kumar have already granted bail by one of the learned coordinate Bench of this Court through Cr. Misc. No. 72531/2023 dated 07.02.2024 and Cr. Misc. No.



2310/2024 dated 26.04.2024 respectively. While concluding argument, learned counsel submitted that investigation of this case is completed and as such, there is no chance of tampering with the evidence.

8. Learned A.P.P. for the State has opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

9. In view of the facts and circumstances as save and except suspicion, nothing appears *prima-facie* against this petitioner *qua* his involvement with present occurrence of dacoity and murder, coupled with the fact that investigation of this case is already completed, where petitioner is in custody since 12.07.2025, accordingly, above-named petitioner is directed to be released on bail, furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned 4th Additional Sessions Judge, Saran at Chapra at Saran/concerned court, in connection with Sonapur P.S. Case No. 269 of 2023, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 437 (3)



Cr.P.C/Section 480(3) of the Bhartiya Nyaya
Suraksha Sanhita (in short “B.N.S.S.”).

(Chandra Shekhar Jha, J.)

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