IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.75592 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011076752026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-166 Year-2026 Thana- JAGDISHPUR District- Bhojpur

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Bhikhi Pal S/o Dhura Pal @ Ghura Pal R/o vill - Pilapur, P.S.- Jagdishpur, Distt.- Bhojpur

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sunil Kumar, Adv.
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Renuka Ratnakar, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GIRIJISH KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

2 28-10-2026 Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, learned counsel for the informant as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is seeking regular bail in connection with Jagdishpur P.S. Case No. 166 of 2026, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 80, 238 and 3(5) of the B.N.S.

3. As per allegation, the informant, Shivam Pal, alleged that his sister, Sanju Kumari, was subjected to assault and harassment by her mother-in-law and other in-laws including the petitioner for non-fulfillment of their demand of a gold chain, Rs. 4,00,000 in cash. He further alleged that on 11.05.2026, he was informed that his sister had been done to

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death and her body burnt. He suspected that the petitioner and the other accused persons had committed the murder due to non-fulfillment of demand of dowry.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. It is further submitted that the petitioner is father-in-law of the deceased aged about 62 years and, no specific allegation has been levelled against him in the FIR. It is also submitted that specific allegations have been attributed to husband of the deceased, who is already in judicial custody, as stated in paragraph no. 12 of the main bail application. Learned counsel has further submitted that the charge-sheet has already been submitted against the petitioner. He next submitted that one co-accused namely, Sumitra Devi has already been granted bail by co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 14.10.2026 passed in Cr. Misc No. 58889 of 2026. It is lastly submitted that the petitioner has clean antecedent and, has been in judicial custody since 28.07.2026.

5. On the other hand, the learned APP for the State and the learned counsel for the informant have opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Taking into consideration the entire facts and

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circumstances of the case coupled with the fact that the petitioner being father-in-law of the deceased of 62 years old, has no criminal antecedent, and no specific allegation has been levelled against him, and further that the husband of the deceased is already in judicial custody, and also considering the fact that one co-accused namely, Sumitra Devi has already been granted bail by co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 14.10.2026 passed in Cr. Misc No. 58889 of 2026 , let the above named petitioner be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate-VII, Bhojpur at Ara, in connection with Jagdishpur P.S. Case No. 166 of 2026, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be properly represented on each and every date fixed by the Court and shall remain physically present as directed by the Court and on his absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

(ii) If the petitioner tamper with the evidence or the witness, in that case, the

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prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

(iii) And, further condition that the court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage, it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedents, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Girijish Kumar, J)

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