IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.77924 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011126752026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-163 Year-2026 Thana- NARDIGANJ District- Nawada

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Manju Devi @ Kari Devi Wife of Prahlad Chauhan @ Pahlad Chohan @ Parhlad Chauhan R/o Village - Karna, P.S - Nardiganj, District - Nawadah

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ram Prawesh Kumar
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Renuka Ratnakar(App125)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. SONI SHRIVASTAVA

ORAL ORDER

2 04-11-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in a case registered for the offence punishable under Sections 80, 238, 3(5) of the B.N.S.

3. Petitioner along with other accused persons are said to have committed murder of the sister of the informant.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits, at the outset that the petitioner happens to be the mother-in-law of the deceased, who has been made an accused in the present case by imputing general and omnibus allegations. It is further pointed out that as a matter of fact, the deceased had herself consumed poison on account of some domestic dispute for which she was taken for treatment but she died during the course of treatment. Annexure-2 is the death certificate

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indicating death may have been caused by cardic arrest. Further, it has been specifically stated in para-18 that the husband is in custody since 10.06.2026. The petitioner is in custody since 18.08.2026 with no criminal antecedent as no cognizance was taken in an earlier complaint case under Section 85 of the B.N.S.

5. Learned APP for the State has opposed the application for bail.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances and also considering the fact that the petitioner is the mother-in-law against whom general and omnibus allegations have been levelled and the husband, who is primarily responsible for the welfare of the wife, is already in custody, let the above named petitioner, be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court below where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Nardiganj P.S. Case No. 163 of 2026.

(Soni Shrivastava, J)

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