

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.80181 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-379 Year-2024 Thana- CHHATAUNI District- East Champaran

Rakesh Chakraborty S/o Ravi Chakraborty R/o Village - Bangali Colony, P.S -
Chhatauni, District - East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Anil Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Choubey Jawahar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY
ORAL ORDER

4 10-02-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner has prayed for regular bail in a case
registered for the offence punishable under section 80 of BNS.

3. The case of the prosecution is that one Shalu
Kumari (deceased) was married to the petitioner. It is alleged
that she was subjected to cruelty on account of non-fulfillment
of dowry demand by her in-laws. On 12.09.2024, the deceased
has called the informant that as you have not paid the dowry, she
is returning to her *maika*. At about 12:00 hours, the cousin
brother-in-law of the deceased informed that the deceased has
died. After this, the informant went to the matrimonial house of
the deceased where she found her dead. The informant believes
that the deceased has been killed by the in-laws along with the



petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the deceased died natural death as such, section 80 of BNS was not attracted. He has further submitted that from perusal of the postmortem report, it will transpire that the doctor conducting the autopsy of the deceased has found no external injury on the person of the deceased. The cause of death could not be ascertained, hence, viscera has been preserved. Learned counsel has also submitted that though there is allegation that the in-laws have killed her but the postmortem report shows that there was no external injury on the person of the deceased. A statement has been made in para-3 of this petition that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent. Moreover, he is languishing in judicial custody since 26.05.2025.

5. Learned APP appearing for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer of regular bail.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. The above named petitioner is directed to be released on bail in connection with



Chhatauni P.S. Case No. 379 of 2024 on furnishing bail bond of
Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount
each to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate,
East Champaran.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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