

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.87059 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-61 Year-2013 Thana- MANPUR District- Nalanda

Govardhan Chauhan, S/O Dukhi Chauhan, Resident of Village- Hargawan
Bishunpur, PS- Manpur, District- Nalanda

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Humayou Ahmad Khan, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KHATIM REZA
ORAL ORDER

3 11-02-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Manpur P.S. Case No. 61 of 2013 dated 22.09.2013 instituted
for the offence punishable under Sections 304(b), 201/34 of the
Indian Penal Code.

3. As per the F.I.R., the second marriage of the
informant's daughter was solemnized with co-accused Surendra
Chauhan. It is alleged that the accused persons including the
petitioner strangled her to death due to non-fulfilment of the
demand of the dowry of Rs. 50,000/-.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this
case. It is further submitted that the deceased was the second



wife of Surendra Chauhan. The petitioner is co-villager of husband of the deceased. Neither he has any connection with the family of the deceased and her husband nor he is their relative. It is further submitted that during the course of investigation, the police collected the evidence which demonstrates that the deceased committed suicide by swallowing poisonous substance. It is further submitted that father-in-law of the deceased and the first wife of Surendra Chauhan (*Sautan* of the deceased) have been granted bail *vide* order dated 22.01.2026 passed by co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Criminal Miscellaneous No. 1648 of 2026. The husband of the deceased has been granted bail by lower court itself. Lastly, it has been submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 20.09.2025 having no criminal antecedents. Charge-sheet has been submitted in the case.

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

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case and submissions of learned counsel for the parties, let the petitioner be released on bail upon furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate,



Nalanda at Biharsharif in connection with Manpur P.S. Case No.
61 of 2013.

(Khatim Reza, J)

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