

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.90689 of 2025**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-146 Year-2025 Thana- KATHAIYA District- Muzaffarpur

Pankaj Kumar Mahto S/o Late Lal Babu Mahto R/o village- Dora Chhapra,  
PS- Kathiya, District- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Ms. Bela Singh, Advocate  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Zainul Abedin, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RUDRA PRAKASH  
MISHRA**

ORAL ORDER

3      11-03-2026      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP  
for the State. Perused the case diary.

2.      The petitioner seeks bail in connection with  
Kathaiya P.S. Case No. 146 of 2025 instituted for the offence  
under Sections 80 & 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3.      Prosecution case in short is that daughter of the  
informant has been done to death at her matrimonial house by  
her in-laws due to non-fulfillment of the demand of dowry.

4.      It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner  
that the petitioner is in custody since 30.07.2025. Petitioner  
bears no criminal antecedent, as per disclosure made in  
paragraph No. 3 of the bail application.



5. It has been further submitted by the petitioner's counsel that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. Petitioner is the husband of the deceased. There is no specific allegation attributed to the petitioner, rather allegation is general and omnibus in nature. Charge sheet has already been submitted in this case.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner. It is fervently submitted that petitioner, being the husband of the deceased, bears the onus of explaining the circumstances leading to her death.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case and taking into account the fact that petitioner, being the husband of the deceased, bears the onus of explaining the circumstances leading to her death, this Court is not inclined to grant bail at this stage. Prayer for bail is hereby *rejected*.

8. The Trial Court is directed to expedite the trial as expeditiously as possible without any undue delay and unnecessary adjournments.

9. However, petitioner will be at liberty to renew his prayer for bail, if the trial is not concluded within a period of four months from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this



order.

**(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)**

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