

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.89514 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-222 Year-2025 Thana- CHAUSA District- Madhepura

1. Sheela Devi @ Shila Devi Son of Kailu Mandal @ Kailash Mandal Resident of Village - Milki, P.S.-Dholbazza (Naugachhia), District - Bhagalpur.
2. Puja Kumari @ Soni W/o Late Shankar Mandal @ Shankar Kumar Resident of Village - Milki, P.S.-Dholbazza, District - Bhagalpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Patla Kumari, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Bhanu Pratap Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY
ORAL ORDER

2 15-01-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and
learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioners have prayed for regular bail in a case registered for the offence punishable under sections 103 (1), 3 (5) of the BNS.

3. The case of the prosecution is that Shankar Kumar (deceased) was married with Puja Kumari @ Soni. After one year of the marriage, the informant came to know that his daughter-in-law was allegedly having an illicit relationship with one Siko Kumar. In this context, three to four *panchayats* were convened but the matter could not be resolve. It is further alleged that on 06.08.2025, the informant's son brother-in-law,



namely, Hemant came to informant's house and requested him to forget the past mistakes and accompany with him to his house. Thereafter, the informant's son Shankar Kumar went to his '*sasural*' along with Hemant to bring back his wife. Subsequently, on 08.08.2025 at about 8:00 A.M., the decomposed dead body of Shankar Kumar found lying beside the Chhath-Ghat Pokhar near the Bhatgama Petrol Pump.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are innocent and have falsely been implicated in connection with the present case. It is further submitted that the petitioner no. 1 is mother-in-law of the deceased whereas petitioner n. 2 is the wife of deceased. From perusal of the order passed by the learned trial Court, it appears that the cause of death of the deceased, Shankar Kumar has been opined to be *Asphyxia* and shock due to ante-mortem drowning. It is further submitted that the nature of allegation against the petitioners are general and omnibus. It is contended that the case is based entirely on circumstantial evidence and that there is no circumstance on record to show that the petitioners had any role in the alleged occurrence. Moreover, the petitioners are languishing in judicial custody since 16.08.2025 having no criminal antecedent.



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

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, this court is inclined to enlarge the petitioners on bail. The above named petitioners are directed to be released on bail in connection with Chausa P.S. Case No. 222 of 2025 on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned SDJM, Udakishunganj.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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