

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.90016 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-140 Year-2025 Thana- DOBHI District- Gaya

Lakhiya Devi W/O Late Mantu Yadav R/O Village- Keshapi, P.S- Dobhi,
Distt.- Gaya.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ajay Kumar Sinha

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Jai Narain Thakur

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

8 12-05-2026 Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with
Dobhi P.S. Case No. 140 of 2025 registered for the offence
under Section(s) 105 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita,
2023.

3. The allegation against the petitioner, Lakhia Devi,
is that on 26.05.2025 at about 9:00 a.m., she administered
poison to her husband, Mantu Yadav, by mixing the same in a
watermelon and feeding it to him, causing his death. It is further
alleged that the petitioner's father, mother, and brother were also
involved in the occurrence.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the



present case. It is submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 28.05.2025 and has no criminal antecedent. Learned counsel further submits that there is no plausible reason for the petitioner, being the wife of the deceased, to administer poison to him. It is contended that the watermelon purchased from the market allegedly contained some poisonous substance, due to which the deceased died. It is also submitted that recently several incidents have surfaced from different parts of the country where persons allegedly died after consuming contaminated watermelon.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, the fact that the petitioner is a woman and the period of custody, this application for regular bail is allowed.

7. Accordingly, let the petitioner, above named, be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (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 Dobhi P.S. Case No. 140 of 2025 subject to conditions that:-

i) The petitioner shall appear in the trial regularly either personally or



through his lawyer and shall cooperate in the trial and non-cooperation in the trial shall result in cancellation of the bail bond of the petitioner.

8. It is made clear that any observation made herein is *prima facie* in nature and limited solely for the purpose of adjudication of the present bail application. Such observations shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and shall not influence the trial or any other proceedings in any manner.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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