

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.91372 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-11 Year-2023 Thana- CHHATAUNI District- East Champaran

Vijay Bhagat S/o Sachidanand Bhagat R/o Village- Basantpur, P.S.-
Sahebganj, District- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sheo Jee Mishra, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

3 11-03-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P. for the State.

2. Petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with Chhatauni P. S. Case No. 11 of 2023 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 498A, 304B and 120B of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

3. It is a case of dowry death. As per prosecution case, marriage of daughter of informant was solemnized with this petitioner on 27.01.2014 as per Hindu rites and rituals. It is alleged that thereafter, all the F.I.R. named accused persons, including this petitioner, killed daughter of informant due to non-fulfillment of demand of dowry.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. Petitioner



never demanded any dowry nor harassed her. Allegation against petitioner is general and omnibus. As a matter of fact, deceased died after catching fire while she was cooking in the kitchen. Petitioner claims clean antecedent and is in custody since 26.05.2025.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State vehemently opposed the bail application and submitted that petitioner is named in the F.I.R. with specific accusation that he along with other accused persons killed the deceased due to non-fulfillment of demand of dowry.

6. Considering the nature of accusation and gravity of the offence, prayer for bail of the petitioner is rejected.

7. However, since petitioner is in custody since 26.05.2025, Trial Court is directed to expedite and conclude the trial, preferably, within a period of one year from the date of receipt/production of copy of this order.

(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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