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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : Bail Appln./3336/2026

DEBI SINGKU ALIAS DIBE SINGKU
SON OF LATE BATUVA SINGKU, RESIDENTS OF VILLAGE NO-1 BHELOGURI, POST OFFICE POLICE STATION HOWRAGHAT, DISTRICT KARBI ANGLONG, ASSAM, PIN 782481

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM
TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : ALHAJJ I UDDIN, MRS. ROMA ENGTIPI,MR ROBIUL HOQUE,MRS. R MOMTAZ

Advocate for the Respondent : PP, ASSAM,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJAN MONI KALITA

ORDER

Date : 17.11.2026

Heard Mr. A.I Uddin, learned counsel for the accused applicant. Also heard Mr. K.K. Das, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State.

2. This is an application filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 praying for grant

of bail to the accused applicant namely **Debi Singku @ Dibe Singku,** in connection with Special No.01/2026 pending before learned Special Judge, Karbi Anglong arising out of Howraghat P.S. Case No. 33 of 2025 registered under Sections 61(2)/149(1)/103(2)/326(g)/238(a) of the BNS, 2023 read with Sections 5/12 of the Assam Witch Hunting (Prohibition, Prevention and Protection) Act, 2015.

3. On 31.12.2025 on the basis of telephonic information, an FIR was lodged before the Howraghat Police Station to the effect that on 30.12.2025, a group of people which includes the present accused applicant upon superstitious belief of witch, killed a couple namely Gardi Berua and Mira Berua of Bheloguri village.

4. On the basis of FIR, police registered Howraghat P.S. Case No. 33 of 2025 under the aforementioned Sections.

5. On completion of investigation, police filed charge-sheet on 02.04.2026 and thereafter charges under the offences were framed on 20.05.2026. Presently, the trial is pending for evidence.

6. The learned counsel for the accused applicant submits that the accused applicant has been behind bars for 321 days and 40 witnesses have been named in the charge-sheet and out of that, only 4 have been examined before the trial Court till date. He submits that trial will require substantial time as can be seen from the number of witnesses involved.

7. In view of the aforesaid, he submits that taking into account the fact that till date, from the depositions of the four examined witnesses, nothing incriminating have been found against the accused applicant, the accused applicant should be granted bail.

8. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has opposed the prayer of bail.

9. The TCR has been received and the same has been perused by this Court.

10. On perusal of the TCR and having prima facie found sufficient materials against

the accused applicant, this Court is not inclined to grant any relief to the accused applicant at this stage.

11. Accordingly, the bail application stands rejected and dismissed.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant