

IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, AURANGABAD (BIHAR)

B.P. No. 269/2026

Arising out of Deo P.S. Case No. 47/2026

Present:- Rajeev Ranjan Kumar, Sessions Judge, Aurangabad (Bihar)

Sheo Shankar Paswan @ Shankar Paswan, S/o Brihaspat Paswan, age-50 years,
R/o village- Belsar, P.S.- Deo, District- Aurangabad (Bihar).

... .. Petitioner(s)

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ..Opposite Party(s)

Appearance :

For the Petitioner(s) : Sri Kamala Prasad Singh, Adv.
For the State : Sri Ajay Kumar, P.P.

13.03.2026

The petitioner, who has been undergoing judicial custody since 20.02.2026, preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with Deo P.S. Case No. 47 of 2026 instituted under Sections 103(1), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. A copy of the bail petition has been served upon the Id. P.P. for the State.

An F.I.R. has been lodged by the informant Jitendra Bhuiyan to the effect that marriage of his brother Ranjit Kumar (now deceased) was solemnized with co-accused Priyanka Kumari. Since after marriage Ranjit Kumar was being tortured by her wife and she often used to go to her parental home. On 10.02.2026, Shraddha Karyakarm of informant's father was performed, for which Priyanka Devi along with her mother Chanmuniay Devi had come her matrimonial home. On 16.02.2026, the said Priyanka Devi and her mother took Ranjit Kumar with them. On 18.02.2026, the informant received an informant that his brother Ranjit Kumar has been killed. Acting on the said information, the informant reached village Belsara where he saw that his brother was lying dead near a pond and some injuries over his person as well rope mark were found over the neck of the deceased. It is alleged that the accused persons had committed the murder of deceased Ranjit Kumar and further tried to conceal the dead body of deceased.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner is quite innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case on the basis of suspicion due to village politics. Petitioner is not named in the F.I.R. No

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specific allegation has been attributed to the petitioner, rather the specific allegation is against the wife and the mother-in-law of deceased. It is further submitted that name of the petitioner has been surfaced out in the present case on the basis of confessional statement of co-accused Priyanak Kumari. Thereafter, confessional statement of the petitioner was also recorded by the police. The confessional statement of the petitioner and the other co-accused persons recorded before the police does not have any evidentiary value. Petitioner has no concern with the alleged offence. Petitioner is having no criminal antecedent. It is lastly submitted that the petitioner has been languishing under judicial custody since 20.02.2026. It is therefore prayed that the petitioner be released on bail.

Per contra, learned P.P. opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner and submitted that the name of petitioner transpires in the confessional statement of co-accused Priyanka Kumari (wife of deceased) and she disclosed about of the involvement of the petitioner in committing the alleged crime. The investigation is still continuing and there is strong apprehension that in case of enlargement on bail, the petitioner will tamper with the evidence and influence the witnesses as such he is not entitled to be enlarged on bail.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned counsel for the informant and learned P.P. for the State.

As per F.I.R., informant's brother Ranjit Kumar was killed by his wife and her family members. From perusal of an F.I.R. it appears that on 16.02.2026, co-accused Priyanka Kumari and her mother took the deceased with them and just after two days, the dead body of deceased was found near a pond and some injuries over his person as well as a rope mark, were found over the neck of the deceased. Petitioner is not named in the F.I.R. However, from perusal of case diary at para-20, 21 and 22 it appears that the co-accused persons Ganesh Bhuiyan and Chandmuni Devi, who are the father and the mother of Priyanka Devi and Priyanka Devi herself confessed about the commission of murder of deceased and the involvement of the petitioner in the alleged crime. Co-accused persons further disclosed that they including the petitioner brutally assaulted to the deceased and hanged on a tree with a belt tied round the neck. Petitioner is having one criminal antecedent vide Deo P.S.

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Case No. 16/2020, as it is mentioned at para-47 of the case diary. Petitioner has been languishing under judicial custody since 20.02.2026 and the investigation is still pending.

Considering the fact that there is a murder alleged to have been committed by the accused persons including the petitioner, name of the petitioner had been surfaced out in the present case during course of investigation on the basis of confessional statement of co-accused persons and there was common intention on the part of all the accused persons including the petitioner to cause the death of deceased and each of the accused persons including the petitioner have played their role for the execution of the said crime. **Hence, the bail petition filed on behalf of the petitioner Sheo Shankar Paswan @ Shankar Paswan is hereby rejected.**

Dictated

(Rajeev Ranjan Kumar)
Sessions Judge
Aurangabad (Bihar)