

**NAME OF PRESIDING OFFICER - AMIT KUMAR**  
**NAME OF COURT - JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS**  
**PLACE - MANJHAUL, BEGUSARAI**  
**PARTY DETAILS - STATE VS RANJEET MAHTO & OTHERS**  
**CHERIYA BARIYARPUR PS CASE NO. 139/2020, GR NO. - 207/2020**  
**DATE OF ORDER - 09.03.2026**

**FORM A**

IN THE COURT OF SRI AMIT KUMAR, JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS, MANJHAUL, BEGUSARAI Present: AMIT KUMAR, J.M. F.C. [Date of Judgment- 09.03.2026] GR no. – 207/2020 Cheriya Bariyarpur P.S. case No. – 139/2020 Reg. No. – 207/2020	
PROSECUTION	State through Radha Devi (Informant)
REPRESENTED BY	Ld. APO
ACCUSED	1. Ranjeet Mahto, aged 50 years, s/o Banarshi Mahto 2. Tinku Kumar, aged about 29 years, S/O-Ranjeet Mahto 3. Shinku Mahto, aged about 27 years, S/O-Ranjeet Mahto. 4. Shankar Mahto, aged about 35 years, S/o-Laxmi Mahto 5. Gauri Shankar Mahto, aged about 32 years, S/o- Laxmi Mahto All accused persons are resident of village – Sripur, P.S. Cheriya Bariyarpur, District - Begusarai
REPRESENTED BY	Sri Gangadhar Prasad Sinha, Advocate

**FORM B**

Date of Offence	26.07.2020
Date of FIR	27.07.2020
Date of Cognizance	01.04.2023
Date of Charge Framed	14.02.2025
Date of commencement of Evidence	18.03.2025
Date on which judgment is reserved	--
Date of the Judgment	09.03.2026
Date of the Sentencing Order, if	--

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**Accused Details**

Rank	Name of Accused	Date of Arrest/ Surrender	Date of Release on Bail	Offenses Charged with	Whether acquitted or convicted	Sentence Imposed	Period of Detention undergone during Trial for purpose of section 428 Cr.P.C
A1.	Ranjeet Mahto	Surrender on 29.01.2024	29.01.2024	Sections 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC, 1860	Acquitted	N.A.	N.A.
A2.	Tinku Kumar	Surrender on 27.01.2024	27.01.2024	Sections 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC, 1860	Acquitted	N.A.	N.A.
A3.	Shinku Mahto	Surrender on 29.01.2024	29.01.2024	Sections 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC, 1860	Acquitted	N.A.	N.A.
A4.	Shankar Mahto	Surrender on 27.01.2024	27.01.2024	Sections 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC, 1860	Acquitted	N.A.	N.A.
A5.	Gauri Shankar Mahto	Surrender on 03.02.2024	03.02.2024	Sections 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC, 1860	Acquitted	N.A.	N.A.

**FORM C**

**LIST OF PROSECUTION/DEFENCE/COURT WITNESSES**

**A. Prosecution Witnesses:**

RANK	NAME	NATURE OF EVIDENCE
NIL	NIL	NIL

**B. Defence Witnesses, if any:**

RANK	NAME	NATURE OF EVIDENCE
NIL	NIL	NIL

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**C. Court Witnesses, if any:**

RANK	NAME	NATURE OF EVIDENCE
NIL	NIL	NIL

**LIST OF PROSECUTION/DEFENCE/COURT EXHIBITS**

- A. Prosecution: None**
- B. Defence: None**
- C. Court Exhibits: None**
- D. Material Objects: None**

PRESENT - AMIT KUMAR

JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS, MANJHAUL (BEGUSARAI)

**JUDGMENT**

- 1) The accused person namely Ranjeet Mahto, Tinku Kumar, Shankar Mahto, Gauri Shankar Mahto and Shinku Mahto faced trial for committing offence punishable u/s Sections 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of the Indian Penal Code 1860, herein after read as IPC.

**Case of the Prosecution**

- 2) The case of prosecution in brief is that on 26.09.2020 at 04:00 PM the informant was sitting at her doorstep and talking to her husband. Her brother-in-law Ranjeet Mahto, Sinku Kumar, Tinku Kumar came abusing, armed with rods and sticks. Ranjeet Mahto hit the informant's husband with a rod and injured his arms and both legs when he tried to stop them. Sinku Kumar and Tinku Kumar hit the informant multiple times with lathi when she tried to help her husband. Meanwhile Shankar Mahto and Gauri Shankar Mahto came holding lathis and started abusing. The informant's daughter Lucy Kumari came after hearing the noise. Shankar Mahto injured her head with a lathi. Ranjeet Mahto pulled off the informant's saree and put his hand inside her blouse. Shankar Mahto took a gold chain from the neck of Lucy Kumari which was worth about Rs. 25,000. The villagers gathered after hearing the noise. Ranjeet Mahto entered the house and took a box which had Rs. 20,000 cash, clothes and other stuff in it. The accused also threatened the informant before leaving.
- 3) In this case, the Cheriya Bariyarpur P.S. registered the case as Cheriya Bariyarpur P.S case No.- 139/2020 u/s 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of the Indian Penal Code 1860. The chargesheet was submitted by IO against Ranjeet Mahto, Tinku Kumar, Shankar Mahto, Gauri Shankar Mahto and Shinku Mahto u/s 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC.



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**Procedural Compliances**

- 4) In this case cognizance of offences under section 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC was taken on 01.04.2023 against Ranjeet Mahto, Tinku Kumar, Shankar Mahto, Gauri Shankar Mahto and Shinku Mahto named persons. The charge was framed on 14.02.2025 for offences under sections 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC, 1860. The accusations were read over and explained in Hindi to which the accused persons pleaded not guilty and claimed to be tried.
- 5) The learned counsel of the accused prayed for the acquittal of the accused on ground of no evidence as the prosecution failed to bring on record any evidence. Heard the submissions of the learned counsel. Perused the case record. The instant case was instituted on 27.07.2020. The cognizance of offences under Section 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC was taken on 01.04.2023, against the accused persons namely **Ranjeet Mahto, Tinku Kumar, Shankar Mahto, Gauri Shankar Mahto and Shinku Mahto** On 14.02.2025 charge was framed for offences under Section 323, 341, 325, 379, 354(B), 504, 506/34 of IPC and was explained to the aforesaid accused under aforesaid section to which they pleaded not guilty and claimed to be tried and thereafter prosecution has been directed to adduce its evidence. Thereafter, on dated 06.01.2026 the prosecution's evidence has been closed after giving several reminders. Last chance to prosecution was also given on 11.11.2025. The court also exhausted all its processes. Sufficient opportunities have been afforded to the prosecution to adduce evidence but it failed to do so. Even the informant of the case did not turn up in the court for examination despite issuance of summons and other processes of court and because of this fact prosecution's evidence was closed.
- 6) At the very outset, it is important to mention herein that the present case is of the year 2020 and the record has been pending for evidence since 18.03.2025, yet not a single piece of evidence was produced by the prosecution. It is apt to mention that in criminal trial, burden lies upon the prosecution to prove its case. Therefore, as there is no evidence on record against the accused as the prosecution failed in adducing any evidence before the court this court finds it only appropriate to hold the accused not guilty in this case.

**ORDER**

- 7) In the light of material on record, the argument of learned counsels of both the sides, this court is of considered opinion that accused person deserve to be acquitted and is accordingly acquitted. It is hereby ordered that the accused person namely **Ranjeet Mahto, Tinku Kumar, Shankar Mahto, Gauri Shankar Mahto and Shinku Mahto**

