

In the Court of District & Additional Sessions Judge-I, Darbhanga, Bihar.
BP No.- 268 of 2026

Ref :- Arising out of L.N.M.U PS Case No.-176/2014, Dated-06.08.2014,
U/s- 341, 342, 323, 324, 302, 504, 506, 34 of IPC

In the matter of :-

Pooja Kumari @ Pooja Devi ,Aged about 31 years W/o Amit Kumar @ Amit Paswan, Resident of Ward No.- 16, Mohalla- Lakshmisagar, P.S.- L.N.M.U., District- Darbhanga.

----- **Petitioner**

Versus.

The State of Bihar

----- **Opposite Party**

Learned counsel for the petitioner : Sri Rajeev Shankar Bhushan, Advocate.

Learned counsel for Opp.Party : Sri Amrendra Narayan Jha, P.P.

Date of order:- 04.04.2026

ORDER

1. The present application has been filed on behalf of the petitioner seeking regular bail in connection with L.N.M.U. P.S. Case No. 176 of 2014, dated 06.08.2014, registered under Sections 341, 342, 323, 324, 302, 504, 506, 34 of the IPC, which is presently pending in the Court of the learned CJM Darbhanga. The petitioner is in judicial custody since 15.12.2025.
2. The prosecution case, in brief, is that about one week prior to the institution of the case at about 03:00 PM, the present petitioner came to the house of the informant and asked the daughter of the informant to accompany her to Kathal Badi. The proposal was refused by the daughter of the informant, whereafter the petitioner allegedly left the house of the informant taking with her the mobile phone of the informant's daughter. It is further alleged that after about four days, the daughter of the informant saw her mobile phone in the possession of Puja Devi (the present petitioner) and demanded its return. On 02.08.2014 at about 06:00 PM, Jitu Paswan along with three other accused persons allegedly came to the house of the informant and began abusing Anju Kumari, the daughter of the informant, and also started

assaulting her. It is further alleged that during the occurrence Jitu Paswan took kerosene oil from the Angan of the informant, poured the same upon the body of Anju Kumari and set her ablaze, as a result of which she sustained serious burn injuries. She was immediately taken to DMCH, Darbhanga, where she succumbed to her injuries.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is further submitted that the petitioner has clean antecedent. It is further submitted that this is a case of year 2014, but no charge sheet has been submitted till date. It is further submitted that no offence under Section 302 IPC is made out against this petitioner. It is also submitted that the father of the deceased has filed a petition in the lower court from which it is clear that the alleged deceased had committed suicide. Moreover, a compromise petition is also on record before the learned lower court.
4. Learned Public Prosecutor has opposed the prayer for bail petition and submitted that the case is heinous in nature.
5. On perusal of the case diary, it appears the statements of the witnesses in Paragraphs 6, 7, 8, 16 and the statement of the informant in Para 22, in which all have supported the prosecution story of first incident before the death of the deceased. In Para 29 restatement of informant alongwith her husband and in Para 30 other witness named Ganesh Choudhary also revealed the death of injured deceased Annu Kumari. In Para 47 the injured Annu Kumari gave her statement and later on she died on dated 02.09.2014. Further, in Para-36 of the case diary there is post-mortem report of the

deceased. This case is heinous in nature, investigation is still pending against the petitioner. Hence, this Court is not inclined to grant the privilege of bail at this stage. Accordingly, this bail petition stands rejected.

(Dictated)

Upendra Kumar
I/C District & Addl Sessions Judge-I
Darbhangha.
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