

In the Court of Sessions Judge, East Champaran at Motihari.

Present:-

**Abhishek K. Das,
Sessions Judge,
East Champaran at Motihari**

Bail Petition No. 670 of 2026

1. Shridev Mahto, S/o- Bituri Mahto, aged about 40 years
Resident of village- Lahan, Ward No.2, P.S.- Lahan,
District- Shirah (Nepal)

----- **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Bihar

----- **Opposite party.**

Counsel for the Petitioner :- Sri Rajeev Kr. Diwedi, Advocate.
Counsel for the State :- Sri Khublal Prasad, Public Prosecutor.

23-03-2026

This bail petition is filed on behalf of the above-named petitioner-accused Shridev Mahto, who is in custody since 02-02-2026 in connection with Haraiya P.S. Case No.23 of 2026 for the offences u/s 317(5), 318(4), 61(2), 338, 336(3), 340(2), 111, 178, 179, 180, 181 and 3(5) of the B.N.S.

The prosecution case, in brief, is that on secret information, the police party intercepted two persons, namely, Tilak Bahadur Thing and Saroj Kumar and from the possession of Tilak Bahadur Thing counterfeit Indian Notes of Rs.12,500/- and Rs.150/- Nepali Notes were recovered and from the possession of Saroj Kumar, counterfeit Indian Notes of Rs.6,000/- was recovered. Upon query, they disclosed that they are members of gang of printing of counterfeit notes and there are 10-12 members in his gang and counterfeit notes were handed over to them by Daya Tiwari @ Sushil Tiwari, Rizwan Mian and Raviranjana Singh. Daya Tiwari @ Sushil Tiwari used to print counterfeit Indian and Nepali Notes in the house of Pramod Kumar, resident of Sitamarhi district, at large scale. Thereafter, at the instance of apprehended persons, police party raided at the house of Pramod Kumar and apprehended petitioner and others and upon search, counterfeit Nepali Notes of Rs.25,00,000/-, Rs.1,40,000/- Nepali Notes, 22 bundles of papers, chemical and others materials used in printing of counterfeit notes were recovered. The further case is that petitioner and others are involved in production/printing and supply of counterfeit currency.

In para-2 of this bail petition, it is mentioned that no other regular or anticipatory bail petitioner have ever been filed either in this Court or before the Hon'ble High Court, Patna. In para-3 of the bail petition, it is

mentioned that petitioner no criminal antecedent. In para-4 of the bail petition, it is mentioned that petitioner is in custody since 02-02-2026.

The learned counsel for the petitioner-accused has submitted that the petitioner-accused is innocent and he has committed no offence and he has falsely been implicated in this case on mere suspicion. It is further submitted that nothing has been recovered from the possession of petitioner and the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovered articles and other F.I.R. named accused persons.

The learned Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the State has opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner-accused on the basis of materials available in the case diary.

Heard both sides and perused certified copy of F.I.R. as well as case diary. As per F.I.R., there is allegation that petitioner and others are involved in printing and supply of Indian and Nepali counterfeit notices at large scale and upon raid, Nepali counterfeit notes of Rs.25,00,000/-, Indian counterfeit notes of Rs.18,500/-, raw papers and others chemical and materials used in printing of counterfeit currency were recovered. The informant in his re-statement vide para-3 and witnesses vide para-4, 5, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 of the case diary have corroborated the version of F.I.R. As per para-33 of the case diary, petitioner has no criminal antecedent. As per para-44 of the case diary, investigation of the case is still going on.

Considering all these facts, as discussed above and keeping in view the nature of allegation, materials available in the case diary as well as ongoing status of investigation, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner-accused on bail. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of petitioner-accused, namely, **Shridev Mahto** stands **rejected**.

(Dictated)

**Sd/-
Sessions Judge
East Champaran at Motihari
23-03-2026**