

IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE-I, GAYA
BAIL PETITION No. 364/2026

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Sonu Das @ Sonu Kumar S/o Shiv Ballam Das R/o Village- Men Dhibra, P.S.- Men, District- Gaya	-----	Petitioner
VERSUS		
The State of Bihar	-----	Opposite Party

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20.04.2026

A bail application has been filed on behalf of the above named accused/petitioner, who is in judicial custody since 16.01.2026 in connection with **Men P.S. Case No. 70/2023**, for the offences registered **U/s. 302, 201, 304(B)/34 of the IPC, pending in the Court of Ld. ACJM-II, Gaya.**

2. Heard both the sides on the bail application.
3. Learned defence counsel, submitted that prior to this, the petitioner has filed anticipatory bail vide A.B.P. No. 1038/2025 which was rejected by the Ld. Predecessor Court vide order dated 09.04.2025 and petitioner also moved anticipatory bail before Hon'ble High Court, Patna vide Cri. Misc. 36907/2025 which was also rejected by Hon'ble High Court, Patna vide order dated 25.11.2025. It is further submitted that petitioner is innocent, committed no offence and has falsely been implicated in this case. It is further submitted that petitioner has not involved in causing death of his wife, rather she died due to snake bite. It is further submitted that the petitioners having no criminal antecedent and he is in judicial custody since 16.01.2026. Hence, it is prayed for grant of bail to the accused petitioner.
4. Per contra the Ld. A.P.P. appeared on behalf of State vehemently opposed the prayer for bail.
5. Prosecution case, in brief, as per written report of the informant Rajbali Das is that the marriage of his daughter Mamta Kumari was solemnized with Sonu Das (petitioner) on 14.05.2021 as per Hindu rites and rituals. After few days of marriage, the accused persons started torturing the informant physically and mentally for demand of dowry. It is further alleged that the informant has tried many times to conciliate the matter but it was all in vain. On 27.05.2023, the deceased called on the telephone of informant's daughter-

in-law and said to bring money and ornaments otherwise the accused persons would kill her. Ultimately, on 03.06.2023, the petitioner and the accused persons killed the daughter of the informant and cremated her dead body due to non-fulfillment of dowry

6. Heard both the parties and perused the material available on record. From perusal, it appears that petitioner is named in the F.I.R. There is direct allegation against the petitioner of being involved in causing dowry death of his wife due to none fulfillment of dowry demand. Statement of witnesses at para 03, 21, 22 & 23 of the case diary, in which they have supported the case of the prosecution. Statement of witness Rakesh Kumar who is the nephew of accused persons also supported the case of the prosecution. Vide para 99 of the case diary, it has been found after perusing the call detail of the accused persons that all accused persons after committing the crime were roaming in the area of village- Keshpa and Neemsar in Police Station Alipur and on 03.06.2023 they went to village- Birhara, P.S.- Haspura, District- Aurangabad, it is noteworthy that maternal house of accused petitioner Sonu Das is at village- Ratanpur, P.S.- Haspura, District- Aurangabad. Moreover anticipatory bail of accused petitioner has already been rejected by the Ld. predecessor Court as well as Hon'ble High Court, Patna. Allegation against the petitioner is serious and grave in nature. Investigation against the accused petitioner is still going on.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case and gravity of alleged offence, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the prayer of bail filed and moved on behalf of the petitioner, above named, is hereby **rejected**.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Shashi Kant Ojha)
Addl. Sessions Judge-1, Gaya
20.04.2026