

*Kanhaiya Jee Choudhary,
Principal District & Sessions Judge, Purnea,
BP No.-175/2026 (CIS No. 175/2026)
(Arising out of Mohanpur P.S. Case No. 119/25)
Pawan Kumar Vs State
Order Dated:- 10.03.2026*

**THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, PURNEA
Bail Petition No. 175/2026 (CIS No. 175/2026)
(Arising out of Mohanpur P.S. Case No. 119/2025)**

IN THE MATTER OF:-

Pawan Kumar, age 29 years, S/o Bilash Mandal, resident of Village-
Jangal Tola, P.S. Mohanpur, District Purnea. Petitioner.

Versus

State of Bihar Opposite Party.

Date of order or proceeding	Order with signature of the court	Office action taken with date
10.03.2026	<p>1. This bail petition filed on 17.02.2026, on behalf of the petitioner, namely, Pawan Kumar, who is in judicial custody since 30.01.2026, in connection with Mohanpur P.S. Case no.- 119/2025 registered for the offence u/s. 103(1), 238, 3(5) of B.N.S. is put up for hearing.</p> <p>2. Heard Sri Shobha Kant Jha, the learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri A.K.Tiwary, the learned P.P. appearing for the State assisted by Sri Ram Prasad Yadav, learned counsel for the informant.</p> <p>3. The prosecution case, in brief, is that the informant's sister Seema Kumari was married 12 years ago to Pawan Kumar, who harassed her from time to time for dowry. Somehow, the informant and others would pacify the matter by convincing him. But on 19.10.2025, at about 7 A.M., informant got information from Pawan Kumar that his sister was hanged to death. When he came, the body was hidden somewhere. He suspects that Pawan Kumar, Gavan Kumar, Suman Kumar, Bhavesh Kumar, Bilash Mandal, Murari Mandal, Virchi Mandal, Chalittar Mandal, Sita Devi, Jitendra Mandal, Dhamendra Mandal, Rajiv Mandal, Nilesh Mandal, Ajay Mandal and Sushil Mandal all have together murdered his sister. Accused persons abuse and threaten to kill the informant when he asks questions.</p> <p>4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the</p>	

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