

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, SAHARSA

Dated, Saharsa, the 10th August 2026

Present:- Dinesh Sharma, Principal District & Session Judge, Saharsa

B.A. No. 512/2026 (Arising out of Sonbarsa Raj P.S. Case No. 22/2025)

Lalita Devi Petitioner Vs State of Bihar

In the matter of :-

Lalita Devi W/o- Batan Sada,

Resident of Village Mohanpur, Ward No. 12, P.S. Sonbarsa Raj, District-
Saharsa.Petitioner

Vs

State of Bihar

.....Opposite Party

Appearance :-

For the Petitioner :- Sri Vijay Kumar Gupta, Advocate

For the State :- Sri Krishna Murari Prasad, Ld. P.P.

Sl. No.	Date of proceeding	Order with the signature of the court	Office action taken with date
	10.08.2026	This bail petition has been filed on behalf of the petitioner namely Lalita Devi W/o Batan Sada who is in custody since 22.05.2026 in connection with Sonbarsa Raj P.S. Case No. 22/2025 registered under Sections 80, 85 and 3(5) of BNS, 2023. 2. Heard the arguments of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned P.P. for the State. 3. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the accused petitioner that petitioner is in custody since 22.05.2026. It is further submitted that petitioner bears no criminal antecedent. It is further submitted that petitioner is quite innocent and has committed no offence and she has falsely been implicated in this case out of grudge, malice and local village party politics. It is further submitted that there is no direct or indirect involvement of this petitioner in the occurrence because she is separately reside from her son. It is further submitted that petitioner is a woman of means and there is no chance of her absconding or tampering with the evidence and she is ready to furnish sound sureties to the full satisfaction of the court. Upon these grounds, the learned counsel prays to grant bail to the petitioner.	

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9. Considering the totality of the facts and circumstances, this court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner **at this stage**. Resultantly, the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner Lalita Devi is hereby **rejected**.

(Dictated)

Sd./-

(Dinesh Sharma)

Principal Sessions Judge,
Saharsa

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