

ST 131 of 2025
[CNR No.-WBHW01-002010-2025]

Present : Smt. Asmita Samajder (J.O. Code: WB00956)
Additional Sessions Judge,
4th Court, Howrah.

Order No. 22 dated 09-12-2025

The case record is put up on the prayer of the accused Juli Kumari (in J/C), who files a petition praying for bail on the grounds stated therein. Copy of the petition has been served upon the prosecution.

Ld. P.P.-in-charge and Ld. Advocate for the accused Juli Kumari are both present.

Hence, the record is taken up for hearing of the instant bail petition; and the same is heard at length.

Now, by filing the instant bail petition, this accused has mentioned that she had voluntarily surrendered before the Ld. C.J.M, Howrah on 28-01-2025 and since then, she is in custody, for about 316 days. The accused, Juli Kumari, has stated that she is the mother of a six-year-old male child who resides in Bihar, and that they have been unable to meet for a considerable period. This accused further contended that both she and the child are suffering from various ailments and mental distress due to their prolonged separation. The accused then prayed for granting her bail upon any condition.

The Ld. P.P.-in-Charge strongly opposed the bail petition filed by the accused, submitting that she, along with co-accused Nilesh Kumar (who has already been filed for the present from this case), used to supply children to the prime accused, Manik Halder, for the purpose of trafficking. According to the Ld. P.P.-in-Charge, the allegations against the present accused are extremely grave. He further submitted that the CDRs clearly establish a connection between the prime accused, Manik Halder, and the present accused, Juli Kumari, and that there were direct bank transactions between them as well. It was additionally contended that, being a resident of Bihar, this accused is likely to abscond if released on bail. Accordingly, the Ld. P.P.-in-Charge prayed for rejection of the instant bail application.

Perused the materials on the record and the ordersheets. It appears therefrom that the allegations against this accused are grave, and her involvement in the alleged offences cannot be ruled out at this stage. The bail prayer of this accused has already been rejected twice by this court, and the materials gathered on record indicate her prima facie role in a well-structured trafficking network. If this accused is released on bail, then the risk of tampering with evidence or influencing witnesses also remains live. Although it is contended that the accused is the mother of a young child, such a personal circumstance, by itself, cannot justify her release on bail, particularly in the face of the serious allegations. It also appears that this accused is a resident of Bihar, which heightens the apprehension that she may abscond or evade the process of law if enlarged on bail.

In the absence of any change in circumstances warranting reconsideration, and in view of the compelling factors noted above, I find no cogent ground to grant bail to the accused Juli Kumari.

Accordingly, the bail petition dated today filed on behalf of the accused, namely, Juli Kumari, is considered and rejected.

To date.

Dictated & corrected by me;

Sd/-

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