

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 2431 of 2026

Puja Paharin @ Sakri Paharin, aged about 22 years, wife of Motiul Ansari @ Moti Ansari, resident of Village: Talbariya, PO: Pathna, PS: Ranga, District Sahibganj. **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand **O.P(s).**

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Raja Ravi Shekhar Singh, Advocate
For the O.P(s) : Mr. Sudhir Kumar Mahto, APP

Order No.02/Dated: 25th March, 2026

1. The instant bail application has been filed under sections 483 and 484 of the BNSS, 2023, for grant of regular bail, in connection with Barhait P.S. Case No. 53 of 2025, for the offence punishable under section 143(4) of the BNS, 2023, subsequently, charge sheet has been submitted for the offence punishable under sections 143(4) and 64(1) of the BNS, 2023 and under section 04 of POCSO Act, pending in the court of learned Special Judge (POCSO) Act, Sahibganj.
2. It has been contended on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner is the wife of named accused Moti Ansari @ Motiul Ansari. The name of this petitioner has come on the confessional statement of co-accused.
3. It is further contended that co-accused, namely, Shiv Tudu and Moti Ansari @ Motiul Ansari have been released on bail by the court concerned vide order dated 4.7.2025 passed in B.P. Nos. 131 of 2025 and 157 of 2025 respectively and the case of the petitioner stands on similar footing. The petitioner is in custody since 22.01.2026. Therefore, she may be released on bail.
4. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail but has not disputed the fact that the co-accused persons, having similar allegation, have been released on bail by the trial court itself.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the parties, gone through the impugned order, the affidavits and the first information report.
6. Considering the facts that two of the co-accused persons have been granted bail by the learned court below; the petitioner being the wife of the named accused Moti Ansari @ Motiul Ansari and; the petitioner is in custody since 22.1.2026, this Court is of the view that the present application is fit to be allowed.
7. Accordingly, the instant bail application stands allowed.
8. In consequence thereof, the petitioner, named above, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge (POCSO) Act, Sahibganj, in connection with Barhait P.S. Case No. 53 of 2025, with condition that the petitioner shall cooperate in the trial and shall not absent herself on the date fixed without any cogent reason, failing which, the learned trial court is at liberty to take appropriate steps in accordance with law so that the trial be not hindered.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

Date: 25th March, 2026
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