

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**B.A. No. 3025 of 2026**

Sonu Ram @ Sonu Kumar @ Matko @ Sonu Kumar Ram, Son of-
Kangali Ram **Petitioner**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand **Opposite Party**

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Ashish Kr. Thakur, Advocate

For the Opp. Party : Mr. Anup Pawan Topno, APP

05/15.04.2026

Heard the learned counsels appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 07.09.2025 in connection with S.T. No. 468 of 2025 corresponding to G.R. No. 1205 of 2025 arising out of Meharna P.S. Case No. 151 of 2025, registered under Sections 80 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, now pending in the court of learned Addl. Session Judge-II, Godda.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that though the petitioner is the husband and the victim-wife has died within one year of marriage in her matrimonial home, but the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. He submits that there is no ante-mortem injury on the body of the victim except the injury on the neck and she committed suicide. He submits that the petitioner was alcoholic with which the victim was annoyed and that was the reason for committing suicide, which has come in the investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that there is no material in the entire investigation to support the claim of demand of dowry.

5. Learned counsel for the opposite party- State, on the other hand, has opposed the prayer and has submitted that the informant himself has stated that the petitioner used to demand dowry of Rs. 2 lakhs and one motorcycle and prior to the alleged date of occurrence, the petitioner had come to his house and forcibly taken the victim with him and while leaving, he had threatened that his daughter will be

killed.

6. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and considering the fact that the wife of the petitioner died in her matrimonial house within one year of marriage and there is direct allegation of demand of dowry in the First Information Report itself which has been lodged by the father of the victim, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail and hence, this bail application is rejected.

7. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the learned court concerned through "FAX/email".

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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