

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No.3383 of 2026

Nagendra Mochi, age about 37 years, Son of Late Chandrika Mochi,
Resident of Village- Godia, P.O.- Kanjiya, P.S.- Bhandariya, District-
Garhwa

.... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Manoj Kr. No.2, Advocate

For the State : Ms. Kumari Rashmi, Addl.P.P.

Order No:-02 Dated:-23-04-2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has been made accused in connection with Bargarh P.S. Case No. 01 of 2026 registered for the offences punishable under Section 103(1) of the B.N.S., 2023 but cognizance has been taken for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) of the B.N.S., 2023 and Sections 3, 4 of the Prevention of Witch (Daain) Practices Act.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner has committed murder of his own father namely Chandrika Ram as his father was involved in exorcism. It is next submitted that the allegation against the petitioner is false. It is then submitted that the petitioner has led to recovery of his own blood-stained clothes. It is then submitted that the petitioner has been implicated in this case due to village conflicts. Drawing attention of this Court towards Annexure-2 which is the copy of the *Panchnama* of the *Panchayat* in the village, it is submitted that in the same, the nephew of the deceased namely Mukesh Ram has made extra-judicial confession of having committed the murder of Chandrika Ram with an axe and except suspicion and recovery of the blood-stained clothes of the petitioner himself, there is no other material to implicate the petitioner in this case. It is further submitted

that the petitioner has been in custody since 03.01.2026 as mentioned in para-14 of the instant bail application. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent as mentioned in para-14 of the instant bail application. It is lastly submitted that the petitioner undertakes to co-operate with the trial of the case and also undertakes not to annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be released on bail.

Learned counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

Considering the facts of this case, the above-named petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate-1st Class, Garhwa in connection with Bargarh P.S. Case No. 01 of 2026 **with the condition that he will co-operate with the trial of the case and furnish his mobile number and photocopy of the Aadhar Card in the court below with an undertaking that he will not change his mobile number during the trial of the case and he will not annoy or disturb the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case.**

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

Dated:- 23.04.2026
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