

(2026:JHHC:12570)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B. A. No. 3585 of 2026

Kastu Mahto @ Kisto Mahto, aged about 35 years, s/o Dhanpal Mahto, r/o village - Latra, PO & PS - Kamdara, District - Gumla, Jharkhand.

... ..Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand.

... ..Opp. Party

For the Petitioner	: Mr. Kripa Shankar Nanda, Advocate
For the State	: Mr. Praful Jojo, Addl. P.P.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

Order No:- 04, Dated:- 29th April, 2026

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has moved this Court for grant of bail in connection with Kamdara P.S. Case No. 01 of 2026 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 126(2), 117(2), 351(2), 352, 333, 118(2), 109, 3(5) of the BNS, 2023.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner was member of an unlawful assembly and in prosecution of the common object of the assembly committed murder of Bhowka Mahto and attempted to murder Lala Devi & Bajrang Mahto. It is next submitted that the allegations against the petitioner are all false. It is then submitted that for the self-same occurrence, from the side of the petitioner, the brother of the petitioner has also lodged Kamdara P.S. Case No. 02 of 2026. It is also submitted that there was a free fight between the parties. It is further submitted that the petitioner had no intention to kill anybody. It is next submitted that the petitioner also sustained injuries in the alleged occurrence and the petitioner acted in self-defence. It is then submitted that the deceased Bhowka Mahto died after a considerable period of time after the alleged occurrence; during the course of his treatment at RIMS, Ranchi. It is also submitted that the petitioner undertakes to cooperate with the trial of the case and further undertakes that he will not annoy or disturb the informant/victim or the witnesses of the

case in any manner during the trial of the case. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent as has been mentioned in para-11 of this bail application. It is lastly submitted that the petitioner has been in custody since 06.01.2026 as is evident from para-01 of this bail application. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be admitted to bail.

The learned Addl. P.P. opposes the prayer for bail.

Considering the submissions of the counsels and the fact as discussed above, I am inclined to enlarge the above-named petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released 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 *learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gumla* in connection with *Kamdara P.S. Case No. 01 of 2026* with the condition that the petitioner will cooperate with the trial of the case and will furnish his mobile number and photocopy of the Aadhar Card with an undertaking that he will not change his mobile number during the trial of the case, with further condition that he will not annoy or disturb the informant or the witnesses of the case in any manner during the trial of the case.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)