

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**B.A. No. 3537 of 2026**

Raju Mahato @ Raju Mahto, son of Dilip Kumar Mahto

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Versus

The State of Jharkhand

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Opposite Party

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Ms. Shaurya Dwivedi, Advocate

For the Opp. Party : Mr. Naveen Kr. Gaunjhu, APP

02/28.04.2026

Heard the learned counsels for the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 23.03.2026 in connection with Chandankiyari P.S. Case No.214 of 2023(s), registered under Section 304B/34 of Indian Penal Code, now pending in the court of learned C.J.M., Bokaro.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the case has been registered under Section 304B/34 of Indian Penal Code and so far as the petitioner is concerned, he is no way connected to the family of the victim either from her matrimonial side or from her parents' side. She submits that the petitioner happens to be a teacher of the victim, who committed suicide in her matrimonial home on account of matrimonial discord. She further submits that the petitioner is not named in the F.I.R. and during investigation, it has come that a video recording was sent to the petitioner to save her life.

4. She submits that as per the impugned order, it has been recorded that the petitioner has abated commitment of suicide by the victim. She further submits that in the F.I.R., there is demand of dowry and torture.

5. The learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer. However, he has not disputed any of the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, which is based on the records of this case. He has further submitted that in the impugned order at internal page no.2 itself, it has been mentioned that the petitioner was close with the deceased and this is based on the statement of the witnesses.

6. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties, it is not in dispute that the deceased died in her matrimonial home and the case was registered under Sections 304B / 34 of Indian Penal Code and the petitioner is no way connected with the family of the victim. He has been made accused by alleging that he was close to the victim and had abated suicide of the victim. However, there is direct allegation against the family members of the victim , who are co-accused , that there was demand of dowry.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, 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 the learned C.J.M., Bokaro in connection with Chandankiyari P.S. Case No.214 of 2023(s), on the following conditions:

(i) One of the bailors would be the present *pairvikar* of the petitioner.

(ii) The other bailor should be his close relative.

(iii) The petitioner will attend the court on each and every date and on account of even single default, the learned court shall cancel the bail bond furnished by the petitioner.

(iv) The petitioner will deposit a self-attested copy of his Aadhar Card along with his mobile number before the learned court which he will not change during the pendency of the case without prior permission of the court.

(v) The petitioner shall fully co-operate with the proceedings before the learned trial court.

8. The instant application is allowed with the aforesaid conditions.

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

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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