

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 3825 of 2026

Yamuna Prajapati, son of late Ram Sewak Prajapati.
... .. **Petitioner**
Versus
The State of Jharkhand **Opposite Party**

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Nawin Kumar, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Rakesh Kr. Sinha, APP

- 02/07.05.2026 Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 02.12.2023 in connection with Chainpur P.S. Case No.302/2023, corresponding to G.R. Case No.515 of 2024 (S.T. Case No.194 of 2024) registered under Sections 302, 201, 34 of Indian Penal Code and 03/04 of the Prevention of Witch Craft Act, now pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge – II, Palamau at Daltonganj.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that though the bail application of the petitioner has been rejected repeatedly earlier, but one of the important witnesses has turned hostile. He has further submitted that there is no eye witness to the alleged occurrence and submits that the petitioner is in custody since 02.12.2023. With respect to the stage of trial, he has submitted that 3 witnesses out of 11 have been examined so far.
4. The learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer and submitted that allegations against the petitioner are of very serious nature.
5. After hearing the learned counsels for the parties and considering the fact that the bail application of the petitioner was rejected earlier, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Hence, this bail application is rejected.
6. However, the State is directed to ensure that the remaining witnesses are promptly produced before the trial court.

7. The learned counsel for the State is directed to communicate this order to the Superintendent of Police of the concerned district and also to Director, Prosecution to ensure compliance.

8. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the learned court concerned through “FAX/email”.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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