

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 4437 of 2025

Rajendra Mahto, aged about 21 years, S/o. Jatru Mahto, R/o. Murkunda
Futkal Toli, P.O. & P.S.- Gumla, Dist. Gumla, Jharkhand.

... .. Petitioner

-Versus -

The State of Jharkhand

... .. Opposite Party

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Petitioner	: Mr. Mohit Prakash, Advocate
For the State	: Mr. Santosh Kumar Shukla, A.P.P.

03/17.09.2025

Heard the parties.

2. The petitioner has been made accused in connection with Gumla P.S. Case No. 426/2024, for the offences registered under Sections 103(1), 238 & 3(5) of the B.N.S. 2023 and Sections 3 & 4 of the Witch Craft Act, pending in the Court of learned C.J.M., Gumla.
3. On 12.12.2024, wife of the informant went missing. On 15.12.2024, her dead body was recovered. Suspicion has been raised against the petitioner that he might have committed murder of the deceased due to previous enmity.
4. During the course of investigation, petitioner was apprehended and on his confession a stole, used in strangulating the deceased, was recovered.
5. It was submitted that from perusal of the postmortem report of the deceased, it is apparent that deceased died due to head injury. It was further submitted that there was no ligature mark on the neck of the deceased.
6. Learned A.P.P. has opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner but does not dispute the aforesaid facts.
7. In view of the aforesaid facts, I am inclined to release the petitioner, on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner, named above, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned C.J.M., Gumla in connection with Gumla P.S. Case No. 426/2024.

(Ambuj Nath, J.)