

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 5143 of 2026

Balia Devi wife of Sri Krishna Rana	...	...	Petitioner
Versus			
The State of Jharkhand	...	...	Opp. Party

CORAM :HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner	: Mr. Prabhat Kumar Sinha, Advocate
	: Mr. Mayank Mridul, Advocate
For the Opp. Party	: Mr. Azeemuddin,, APP
For the Informant	: Mr. Dharendra Kumar Deo, Advocate

02/19.06.2026 Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody in connection with Katkamsandi P.S. Case No. 12 of 2026, for the offences registered under Sections 80/61(2) of the B.N.S. 2023, pending in the court of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Hazaribag.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is mother-in-law of the victim, but there is general and omnibus allegation against all the accused persons. Charge sheet has already been submitted and the petitioner is in custody since 27.01.2026. The learned counsel has submitted that two co-accused, unmarried sister-in-law and one brother-in-law(nandoshi) have been enlarged on bail by this court in B.A. No. 4267 of 2026 and in B.A. No. 3349 of 2026 respectively.

4. Learned counsel for the opposite party-State and informant have opposed the prayer and has submitted that the marriage was solemnized on 06.05.2025 and the victim was found dead in her matrimonial home on 25.01.2026 and immediately prior to the occurrence, the victim had called the informant and described the incident which was taking place in her matrimonial home prior to the incident.

5. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and considering the nature of allegation and the fact that victim had died in her matrimonial home within a period of seven months from the date

of marriage and the petitioner is the mother-in-law with whom the victim was residing, this court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, prayer for bail of the petitioner above named is rejected.

6. Let this order be communicated to the court concerned through FAX/e-mail.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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