

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 8320 of 2026

Megra Pahadiya, aged about 21 years, Son of Gangu Pahadiya,
Resident of Village-Dumri Bedo, P.O. & P.S.- Barhait, District-
Sahibganj **Petitioner**
Versus
The State of Jharkhand **Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Gautam Kumar, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Rakesh Ranjan, APP

05/09.09.2026

Heard the learned counsels appearing on behalf of the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody since 20.08.2024 in connection with S.T. Case No. 105 of 2025 arising out of Barhait P.S. Case No. 91 of 2024, registered under Sections 85/108 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, now pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I Sahibganj.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is the husband of the deceased, but he has been falsely implicated in this case.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner also submits that the bail application of the petitioner was earlier withdrawn vide order dated 23.09.2025 in B.A. No. 7126 of 2025 considering the fact that by that time, 05 witnesses out of 09 had already been examined. He submits that the last witness was examined on 13.08.2025 and till date the position is the same.

5. Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail and has submitted that there is allegation against the petitioner that he was torturing the deceased soon after marriage due to which she ultimately committed suicide.

6. In view of the direct allegation against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail at this stage, in as much as, material witnesses are yet to be examined before the learned Court.

Accordingly, this bail application is rejected.

7. However, non-examination of the witnesses after 13.08.2025 is not acceptable. The petitioner certainly has a right of expeditious trial and in the impugned order itself, which is dated 18.06.2026, it is mentioned that the trial is likely to be concluded within six months. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the next date before the learned court is 23.09.2026.

8. The State is directed to ensure that the witnesses are promptly produced before the learned court.

9. Learned counsel for the State is directed to communicate this order to the Director, Prosecution and Superintendent of Police of the concerned district to ensure compliance.

10. *If the witnesses are not produced in spite of this order, the petitioner may renew his prayer for bail after 06 months.*

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

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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