

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No. 8710 of 2025

Baso Devi @ Basanti Devi, aged about 42 years, W/o Banshi Lohra,
resident of village- Jamuntoli, Namkum, P.O. & P.S.- Namkum, District-
Ranchi, Jharkhand-834010 ... Petitioner

- Versus -

The State of Jharkhand

... Opp. Party

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Petitioner

: Mr. Ashok Kumar Jha, Advocate

For the State

: Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sinha, A.P.P.

04/27.11.2025

Heard the parties.

The petitioner has been made accused in connection with Namkum P.S. Case No. 238 of 2022, for the offences registered under Sections 302/120B of the I.P.C. and Section 3 / 4 of the Prevention of Witch Craft Practices (Daain) Act, pending in the court of learned AJC-XV, Ranchi.

On 23.07.2022 at about 5:30 A.M., the petitioner is alleged to have given several rod blows on the wife of the informant, due to which she succumbed to her injuries.

Report regarding the stage of trial earlier called for, has been received. It appears that charge has been framed in this case on 14.02.2023, but the prosecution has examined only one witness.

Considering the nature of allegation, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, his prayer for bail stands rejected at this stage.

The learned trial court shall expedite the trial and preferably conclude the same within six months from the next date fixed for recording of evidence, if the trial is not concluded within aforesaid period. Petitioner, if so advised, may renew his prayer for bail.

(Ambuj Nath, J.)