

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 665 of 2026

Ashish Pandey, aged about 30 years, son of Ashok Pandey
... .. **Petitioner**
Versus
The State of Jharkhand **Opp. Party**

CORAM: HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE ANUBHA RAWAT CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Jazeb Iqbal, Advocate
For the Opp. Party : Mr. Naveen Kumar Gaunjhu, Advocate

08/13th April 2026

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody in connection with S.T. Case No. 535/2024 arising out of Ichak P.S. Case No. 89/2024 corresponding to G.R. Case No. 1782/2024 for the offence registered under Sections 302/201/120B/34, now said to have been pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Hazaribagh.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present case is the case of honour killing whereby both the girl and the boy have been killed. He submits that the petitioner has been made accused only because of the reason that he is one of the friends of brother-in-law of the victim lady. The learned counsel has further submitted that apart from the confessional statement of the co-accused, there is nothing against the petitioner to connect the petitioner with the alleged offence. He submits that the petitioner is in custody since 26.06.2024.
3. Learned counsel for the opposite party has opposed the prayer and has submitted that the murder weapon was also recovered, though on the basis of confessional statement of another co-accused. He submits that the petitioner has confessed his guilt and the details of mobile of the petitioner reveals that the petitioner had repeatedly talked with the co-accused in the fateful night.

4. To this, the learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that as per the case of the prosecution itself, the place of occurrence is in a residential premises situated in the market place.

5. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and considering the fact that there is only some circumstantial evidence against the petitioner and that the petitioner is in custody since 26.06.2024, the petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty-Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Hazaribagh in connection with Ichak P.S. Case No. 89/2024, subject to the following conditions: -

- (i) One of the bailors would be the present *pairvikar* of the petitioner.
- (ii) The other bailor should be his close relative.
- (iii) The petitioner will attend the court on each and every date and on account of his single default, the learned court shall cancel the bail bond furnished by the petitioner.
- (iv) The petitioner would deposit a self-attested copy of his Aadhar Card along with his Mobile Number before the learned court below, which he shall not change during the pendency of the case without prior permission of the court.
- (v) The petitioner shall fully co-operate with the proceedings before the learned court below.

6. The instant bail application is allowed with the aforesaid conditions.

7. Let a copy of this order along with a copy of the affidavit filed with the bail petition be communicated to the court concerned through 'e-mail/FAX'.

(Anubha Rawat Choudhary, J.)

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