

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No.10210 of 2025

Shobha Devi, aged about 58 years, old, W/o Kashinath Jha, R/o Sindih Workshop Colony B type Qtrn No.2, PO-Tundu, PS-Madhuban, Dist-Dhanbad, Jharkhand. **... ... Petitioner(s)**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand. **... ... Opposite Party(s)**

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Amit Kr. Sinha, Advocate
 For the State : Mr. Praful Jojo, APP

06/ 16th February, 2026

1. Heard the parties.
2. This bail application has been filed under Sections 483 and 484 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 wherein, prayer has been made for grant of bail as she is in custody for allegedly committing offence punishable under Sections 61(2)(a), 85, 140(3), 80(2), 238(a) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and under Sections 3 & 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.
3. The learned APP opposes the prayer for grant of bail.
4. The brief facts of this case is that on 13.05.2022, the daughter of the informant was married to son of the petitioner. At the time of marriage, the informant gave dowry of Rs.6 Lakh in cash, jewelries, furniture and other items, however, the petitioner and her family members started torturing the informant's daughter for a car and threaten to kill her. On 15.12.2024 at night, the informant was informed in mobile that her daughter had eloped from her matrimonial house for which, the petitioner's family members have lodged a missing report. It is alleged that due to non-fulfilment of the demand, the petitioner and her family member have killed informant's daughter and concealed the dead body.
5. The petitioner is mother-in-law of the deceased and there is dispute going on between the informant's daughter and the family member of the petitioner. Further, she died an unnatural death and the allegation is upon the petitioner and her family members. The fact that the deceased died a homicidal death is apparent from post-mortem report which suggests that the skull with C1 vertebra and portion of C2 vertebra found separated from the body further the mandible was found separated. Further, the dead body was found in

a gunny bag in bushes near a bridge. This suggest that the deceased was brutally murdered and body was concealed.

6. In view of the aforesaid fact this is not a fit to grant bail to the petitioner in connection with Madhuban P.S. Case No.95/2024 corresponding to S.T. Case No.202/2025, pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-X, Dhanbad.

7. Accordingly, the bail application is **dismissed**.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

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