

RAJASTHAN HIGH COURT

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HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR

S.B. Criminal Miscellaneous 3rd Bail Application No. 6601/2024

Lakudi @ Laxmi W/o Late Kava, Aged About 65 Years, R/o Rayna, P.s. Rishabhdeo, Distt Udaipur. (Presently Lodged At Central Jail Udaipur)

-----Petitioner

Versus

State Of Rajasthan, Through PP

-----Respondent

For Petitioner(s)	:	-
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Narendra Gehlot, PP

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP MATHUR

ORDER

25/03/2026

1. This third application for bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. has been filed by the petitioner who has been arrested in connection with F.I.R. No.99/2022 registered at Police Station Rishabhdeo, District Udaipur, for the offences under Sections 302, 201 and 120-B of IPC.
2. The second application for bail filed on behalf of the petitioner was dismissed as not pressed vide order dated 23.01.2024 while directing the learned trial court to expedite the trial pending against the present petitioner.
3. None appeared on behalf of the petitioner. The present bail application has been filed on 10.05.2024. From a perusal of order sheets of the case file, it appears that no one has appeared on behalf of the petitioner since this application for bail has been

filed. It seems that the petitioner has lost interest in pursuing the present bail application.

4. This Court, vide order dated 04.02.2026, directed the Registrar (Judicial) to call for status report of the trial pending against the petitioner from the learned trial court. In compliance of the order dated 04.02.2026 passed by this Court, a report dated 25.02.2026 has been received and attached with the case file. A perusal whereof indicates that the trial against the petitioner is at the stage of evidence and out of total 26 cited prosecution witnesses, statements of 22 prosecution witnesses have been recorded before the learned trial court.

5. In the interest of Justice, this Court has carefully perused the case file, record of the case and statements of the material prosecution witnesses with the help of learned Public Prosecutor.

6. This Court, from a meticulous perusal of the case file and statements of the witnesses recorded before the investigating agency and learned trial court, finds that the petitioner has hatched a criminal conspiracy with co-accused persons to abduct the deceased Mst. 'S' with an intention of marrying her against her will, intentionally murdering her and destroying the evidence of murder. The petitioner has played a vital role in commission of the offences by inducing and torturing the deceased into doing something against her will. This Court also finds that the co-accused Manilal has already been enlarged on bail by this Court vide order dated 03.05.2023, however, the case of the present petitioner is not at par with that of the co-accused Manilal who has been enlarged on bail. In the opinion of this Court, as per the

status report dated 25.02.2026 received from the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kherwada, District Udaipur, the trial against the petitioner is at its fag end and is likely to conclude shortly as out of total 26 cited prosecution witnesses, statements of 22 witnesses have been recorded.

7. Therefore, looking to the seriousness of the allegations levelled against the petitioner and gravity of offences committed by the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

8. Accordingly, this third application for bail under Section 439 Cr.P.C. filed by the petitioner is dismissed.

(KULDEEP MATHUR),J