

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.4581 OF 2025  
(Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.12992 of 2025)

PUNAM DEVI @ RUPAN DEVI & ANR.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellants challenge the order dated 17.07.2025 in Criminal Miscellaneous No. 46580 of 2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna titled "*Punam Devi @ Rupan Devi & Anr. vs. State of Bihar*".
3. On 03.09.2025, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. Petitioners lay challenge to the judgment and order dated 17.07.2025 in CRM No. 46580/2025 titled "*Punam Devi @ Rupan Devi & Anr. vs. State of Bihar*" passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna.

2. Issue notice, returnable on 17.10.2025.

3. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within two weeks.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) is permitted to serve the learned standing counsel for the State of Bihar.

5. In the notice itself let it be mentioned that respondent is required to file the counter

affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

6. In the event of arrest, the petitioners shall be released on bail by the Investigating/arresting officer on such terms and conditions as imposed and found to be just, fair and reasonable."

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.

5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellants have cooperated during the investigation; they have not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or have tried to influence the investigation in any manner.

6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.

7. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 03.09.2025, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellants to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary adjournment.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellants' conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in

accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

9. The impugned order dated 17.07.2025 in Criminal Miscellaneous No. 46580 of 2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna titled "*Punam Devi @ Rupan Devi & Anr. vs. State of Bihar*" is set aside.

10. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.

(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.

(NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH)

NEW DELHI;  
17TH OCTOBER, 2025

ITEM NO.6

COURT NO.11

SECTION II-A

**S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)No.12992/2025  
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated  
17-07-2025 in CRM No. 46580/2025 passed by the High Court  
of Judicature at Patna]

**PUNAM DEVI @ RUPAN DEVI & ANR.**

**Petitioner(s)**

**VERSUS**

**THE STATE OF BIHAR**

**Respondent(s)**

**(IA No. 209115/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)**

**Date : 17-10-2025 This matter was called on for hearing  
today.**

**CORAM :**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH**

**For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Rita Jha, AOR**

**For Respondent(s) :Mr. Rishi K Awasthi, Adv.**

**Mr. Piyush Vatsa, Adv.**

**Mr. Amit V Awasthi, Adv.**

**Mr. Rahul Kumar Gupta, Adv.**

**Mr. Punit Vinay, AOR**

**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following**

**O R D E R**

- 1. Leave granted.**
- 2. Appeal is allowed in terms of signed order.**
- 3. Pending application(s), if any, stand(s) disposed of.**

**(RAJNI MUKHI)**

**ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS**

**(ANU BHALLA)**

**COURT MASTER (NSH)**

**(Signed order is placed on the file)**