IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 3031 of 2026

Rukmini Devi, aged about 64 years, wife of Jagjiwan Choudhary, resident of Bampass Town, Khoradah, Near New Bharat Gas Godam, P.O. & P.S. Deoghar, District- Deoghar **... Petitioner**

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand **... Opposite Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner : Mr. Niraj Kumar Sinha, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Pankaj Kumar Mishra, A.P.P.

02/12.06.2026 Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending her arrest in connection with Bankmore (Bhuli O.P.) P.S. Case No.227 of 2025, registered for the offence under Section 85 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 3/4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, pending in the Court of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Dhanbad.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner happened to be mother-in-law of the informant. He further submits that there are general and omnibus allegations against the petitioner. He then submits that now good sense has prevailed between the informant and her husband and they have settled the dispute in the mediation centre and they are agreed to reside together and in view of that, the husband of the informant has been granted regular bail. He next submits that the petitioner has already replied to the notice under Section 35(5) of the BNSS. On these grounds, he submits that anticipatory bail may kindly be granted to the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the State opposed the prayer and submits that the petitioner happened to be mother-in-law of the informant. He further submits that the petitioner has not complied the notice under Section 35(3) of the BNSS.

5. On query made by the Court, learned counsel appearing for the State fairly submits that in light of Annexure-3 Series, it appears that compromise has taken place in the mediation centre.

6. Annexure-3 Series are the documents which clearly suggest that in the mediation centre, compromise has taken place between the informant and her husband, wherein, they have agreed to reside together and it has been pointed out that thereafter the husband of the informant has been granted regular bail. The petitioner is the mother-in-law of the informant. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the above-named petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned Court within three weeks from today and in the event of her arrest or surrender, she shall be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Dhanbad in connection with Bankmore (Bhuli O.P.) P.S. Case No.227 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)

Dated: 12th June, 2026
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