

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**Criminal Miscellaneous No.4658 of 2015**

Arising Out of PS.Case No. -241 Year- 2014 Thana -LALGANJ District- VAISHALI(HAJIPUR)

1. Santosh Thakur Son of Sakaldeo Thakur Resident of Village -  
Sahdullahpur, P.S- Lalganj, District - Vaishali.

.... .... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar

.... .... Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Nachiketa Jha  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ajay Kumar-Ii(App)  
Mrs. Anuradha Singh

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KISHORE KUMAR MANDAL**  
**ORAL ORDER**

3      27-05-2015      Heard Mr. Jha for the petitioner and the APP for the  
State.

Petitioner, being husband of the prosecutrix, seeks  
anticipatory bail in connection with Lalganj P.S. Case No. 241 of  
2014 instituted under Sections 498A/307 IPC and Section 34 of the  
Dowry Prohibition Act.

Marriage between the petitioner and the informant  
was solemnized several years ago. She was, however, tortured by  
the family members. On the relevant day, it is alleged that other  
co-accused forcibly poured K. Oil on her and thereafter put on  
fire. She, however, managed to extinguish the fire. The FIR was  
accordingly recorded while she was admitted in the emergency of  
the P.M.C.H. The informant, in the ferdbeyan, alleged that the

other family members including the petitioner was simply on lookers when she was put on fire.

Contention of the petitioner is that there is no allegation against the petitioner that he put her on fire. The petitioner was, in fact, not available in the house. There is no injury report of the informant in the case diary.

Counsel for the informant and the State opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail and submitted that in course of investigation, some witnesses have supported the case.

Considering the seriousness of the allegation and the available materials on record, in my view, it is not a fit case where the petitioner deserves privilege of anticipatory bail. Prayer is rejected. Let the petitioner surrender and seek regular bail.

**(Kishore Kumar Mandal, J)**

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