

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.26665 of 2021

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-16 Year-2020 Thana- KURTHA District- Jehanabad

1. BHULETAN YADAV S/o Madan Yadav R/o village- Mahuabag, P.S.- Kurtha, District- Arwal
2. Babu Devi W/o Bhuletan Yadav R/o village- Mahuabag, P.S.- Kurtha, District- Arwal

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Paras Nath, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.A.G.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 16-02-2022 Due to the third wave of COVID-19 Pandemic, the matter is being taken up by way of Virtual Court proceeding.

The matter has been listed under the heading ‘For Orders’ under the orders of Hon’ble the Chief Justice.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned APP for the State through virtual mode.

Learned counsel for the petitioners is directed to remove the defects, as pointed out by the Office, within a period of four weeks after restoration of normalcy.

The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in a case registered under Sections 366(A) and 34 of the Indian Penal Code.



Prosecution allegation, in short, is that the accused persons abducted the minor daughter of the informant for the purpose of marriage.

It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioners that the petitioners have got no criminal antecedent. There is no allegation of tampering of witnesses alleged against the petitioners. The petitioners have falsely been implicated in the present case. On recovery, the statement of the victim has been recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. in which she has stated she has left her house out of her own will and went to Himachal Pradesh. The allegation of abduction is denied by the victim. The alleged occurrence is said to have taken place on 18.9.2019 for which case was instituted on 17.01.2020. The delay in lodging the case has not been explained by the prosecution. The petitioner no. 2 is a lady.

On behalf of the State, it is submitted that the petitioners are named in the F.I.R.

It is necessary to indicate here that this Court while considering the prayer made in the present anticipatory bail application has taken note of the exponential rise in number of covid cases due to outbreak of third wave of Covid-19 pandemic. Further this Court can also not lose sight of the fact



that the condition of jails is not conducive and suitable to the present situation which has arisen due to the sudden rise in covid cases.

Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petitioners, above named, in the event of arrest/surrender before the learned court below within a period of twelve weeks from today, be released on anticipatory bail on their personal bonds to the satisfaction of learned A.C.J.M.- III, Arwal in connection with Kurtha P.S. Case No. 16/2020, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Once the normalcy is restored, the petitioners shall furnish bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each within a period of eight weeks to the satisfaction of the Court concerned in connection with the aforesaid case.

(Sudhir Singh, J)

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