

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

ABLAPL NO.14437 OF 2021

Kamala Lochan Sarangi

.... Petitioner

Ms. U. Padhi, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha

.... Opposite Party

Mr. S.K. Nayak, AGA.

CORAM:

MR. JUSTICE D.DASH

ORDER

06.09.2022

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02. 1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement (virtual/ physical) mode.
2. The Petitioner having been implicated in connection with Jagatsinghpur P.S. Case No.478 of 2021 corresponding to G.R. Case No. 1083 of 2021 registered for alleged commission of offence under section-498-A/302/304-B/506/34 of the IPC read with section -4 of the D.P. Act, pending in the Court of learned S.D.J.M., Jagatsinghpur, has filed this application under section-438 Cr.P.C. for his release in the event of his arrest in the aforesaid case.
3. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner being the father-in-law of the deceased has been implicated in the case as the deceased has not died under normal circumstances and it is within a period of seven years of marriage. It is his submission that postmortem report is very clear as to the cause of death i.e. intake of poisonous substance and the doctor has also not noticed any other bodily injury suggestive of physical torture prior to the incident. He submits that husband and mother-in-law of the deceased being arrested in the case, one of them i.e.

mother-in-law has been released on bail. He further submitted that the Petitioner being on interim bail with effect from 01.12.2021 have been cooperating with the investigation and have never misused the liberty. In view of all these above and in the absence of any other impediment; he urges for grant of anticipatory bail to the Petitioner.

4. Learned Counsels for the State submit that these Petitioners being the family members, on the face of the allegations as to demand and torture on account of non-fulfillment of the same when the death has taken place within a period of seven years of marriage that to not under normal circumstance the culpability of these Petitioner stands by attraction of the presumption under section 113A/113B of the Evidence Act.

5. Considering the submissions and on going through the nature of accusations; further keeping in view the surrounding circumstances of the case as also concerning the Petitioner and in the absence of any other impediment, it is directed that in the event the Petitioner surrenders before the Court in seisin of the above mentioned case within three weeks hence and moves for his release on bail, he shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as would be deemed just and proper by the said Court with further condition that he will not threaten or terrorize the prosecution witnesses in any manner.

6. The ABLAPL is accordingly disposed of.

Issue urgent certified copy as per rules.

**(D. Dash),
Judge.**