

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.40145 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-71 Year-2020 Thana- DARBHANGA COMPLAINT CASE
District- Darbhanga

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Pankaj Paswan @ Pankaj Kumar @ Pankaj Kr. Paswan Son Of Devendra
Paswan Resident Of Village - Gauradih, P.S. - Simri, District - Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar, Patna
2. Arti Devi Daughter Of Late Garib Lal Paswan Presently Residing Village -
Birdipur , (DIH Tola), Ward No.05, P.S. - Simri, District - Darbhanga

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Kanchan Jha
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ram Sumiran Rai

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJANI KUMAR SHARAN
ORAL ORDER

2 18-07-2023 Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Section 498A, 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 4 of the D.P. Act.

3. Petitioner, who is husband of opposite party no2., is said to have ousted the opposite party no.2 from her matrimonial home in association of his family members over the dowry demand.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is an innocent person and has committed no offence. Petitioner has neither made any dowry demand nor drove her out of her matrimonial home nor



tormented her over the demand of dowry. He is still ready to keep her with full honour and dignity. The petitioner has relied upon the judgment of this Court in the case of **Md. Naimul Haque Ansari @ Naimul Haque Ansari & Ors. Vs. The State of Bihar**, reported in **2006 (3) PLJR 182**.

5. In that view of the matter, let the above named petitioner, be released on bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of six weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Court below where the case is pending/successor Court in connection with Darbhanga Complaint Case No. 71 of 2020, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.,

6. Petitioner is ready to pay Rs. 4,000/- (Rupees Four Thousand) per month to opposite party no.2 in the second week of every month. If the petitioner fails to pay the aforesaid amount on two consecutive months, opposite party no.2 shall be at liberty to move before the learned Court below for cancelling the bail bond of the petitioner.

7. It goes without saying that the aforesaid payment shall be subject to any order being passed in matrimonial



maintenance case or any other collateral proceedings.

8. If so advised, either of the parties will be at liberty to make an application before the learned Court below for referring the matter to the District Mediation Center for the purpose of reconciliation or one time settlement.

9. Learned court below is directed to issue notice to the informant for furnishing her bank account details. If she fails to furnish her bank account details the aforesaid amount will be deposited before the learned court below which will be released in favour of the informant after the informant furnishes her bank account details.

10. Accordingly, this application stands disposed of.

(Anjani Kumar Sharan, J)

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