

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.37904 of 2023**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-1559 Year-2022 Thana- BEGUSARAI COMPLAINT CASE
District- Begusarai

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Ajay Kumar Chaudhary Son Of Mahendra Chaudhary Resident Of Bijili
Power House, Kabir Nagar, Police Station - Khagaria, District - Khagaria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State Of Bihar Patna Bihar
2. Neelam Devi Wife Of Ajay Kumar Chaudhary Resident Of Bijili Power
House, Kabir Nagar, Ward No.15, Police Station - Khagaria, District -
Khagaria, Presently Resident Of Rajauwa, Ward No.12, Police Station -
Muffasil, District - Begusarai

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Manoj Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s	:	Mr. Jai Narain Thakur, APP
For the Complainant	:	Mr. Ashok Kumar, Advocate

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
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ORAL ORDER

4 30-10-2023 Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to

remove the defect(s), as pointed out by the office, if any, within

a period of three weeks from today.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the complainant as well as learned Additional Public
Prosecutor for the State.

3. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in
connection with Complaint Case No. 1559c of 2022 dated
25.08.2022 registered for the offences punishable u/s 498A of
the Indian Penal Code.



4. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner and the co-accused persons are alleged to have tortured and harassed the complainant mentally and physically due to non-fulfillment of demand of Rs. 1,00,000/- as dowry.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner is the husband of the complainant. The petitioner neither demanded any dowry nor tortured the complainant. Learned counsel has further submitted that the marriage took place 20 years ago. 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."** Learned counsel has further submitted that Section 498A of the IPC is triable by the Magistrate. Learned counsel has further relied on the judgments in the case of **Satendra Kumar Antil Vs. Central Bureau of Investigation and Another (2022) 10 SCR 351** and **Md. Asfak Alam Vs. The State of Jharkhand & Anr passed in Criminal Appeal No(s). 2207 of 2023 arising out of Special Leave Petition (CRL.) No. 3433 of 2023.** The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated at para 3 of the bail petition.

6. Learned counsel for the Complainant as well as



learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the anticipatory bail petition of the petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, let the above named petitioner, in the event of his arrest/surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned, Begusarai in connection with Complaint Case No. 1559c of 2022, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

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

9. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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