

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18051 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-70 Year-2014 Thana- MAHILA P.S. District- Sheikhpura

Rajesh Choudhary Son of Sri Mishri Choudhary R/V- Kurda, Post- Pahrta
Khorampur, P.S- Sheikhpura Dist- Sheikhpura (Bihar) Pin- 8111105

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar.
2. Pujha Devi Wife of Rajesh Choudhary Kundapar, P.S and Dist- Sheikhpura
at present residing Mohalla- Narayanpur PS- Barbigha Sheikhpura

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Satish Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Sharda Kumari, A.P.P.

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

4 02-01-2024 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 Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

3. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Sheikhpura (Mahila) P.S. Case No. 70 of
2014 dated 05.12.2014 registered for the offence punishable
under Sections 498A, 494, 406, 354 read with 34 of the
Indian Penal Code and Sections 3 & 4 of the D.P. Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner and



the co-accused persons are alleged to have tortured the informant mentally and physically due to non-fulfillment of demand of Rs. 40,000/- as dowry.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. There is general and omnibus allegation against the petitioner who is husband of the informant. It is further submitted that the petitioner neither demanded any dowry nor tortured the informant. 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 in para 3 of the bail petition.



6. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail 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 anticipatory 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, Sheikhpura in connection with Sheikhpura (Mahila) P.S. Case No. 70 of 2014, 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)

Nilmani/-

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