

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.24735 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-400 Year-2023 Thana- MAJHAULIA District- West Champaran

Santosh Sahni Son of Shri Shankar Sahani R/o Village- Senuwariya Nauka
Tola, Panchayat- Lalsaraiya, P.S.- Majhauria, District- West Champaran
... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner	:	Mr.Manoj Kumar, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr.Binod Kumar, A.P.P.
for the informant	:	Mr. Avinash Raj, Mr. SK Rai, Advocates

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

5 19-12-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, the State and the informant.

2. Petitioner seeks regular bail in a case registered for the offence punishable under sections 304B,201/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. It is a case of dowry death. Petitioner was married with daughter of informant six years back. Later on, petitioner and his family members started subjecting her to torture and harassment for non-fulfilment of demand of dowry. On 20.5.2023 informant got information that his daughter has been killed by these accused persons.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, while denying the allegation, submits that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case because petitioner is husband of of the deceased. From the said wedlock, petitioner and deceased had two sons aged about 6 years and 4 years. Victim died of chest pain caused due to weak immunity suffered on account of Covid 19 pandemic. Petitioner is in custody since 5.7.2023.

5. Learned counsel for the State and the informant



oppose the prayer for bail. Learned counsel for opposite party no.2 submits that petitioner is the husband of the deceased and there is direct and specific allegation that he and his family members killed the deceased for non-fulfilment of dowry demand.

6. Considering the nature of accusation and the fact that the petitioner is husband of the deceased, who died in unnatural condition within seven years of marriage in her in-laws house, prayer for regular bail of the petitioner is rejected.

7. Let the trial be expedited and concluded within a year, failing which the petitioner may renew the prayer for bail.

(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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