

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.31860 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-497 Year-2022 Thana- BHAGALPUR COMPLAINT CASE
District- Bhagalpur

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Sonu Yadav S/o Suraj Yadav R/o Medni Chowki, Vanshipur, Bind Toli, P.s.
-Vanshipur, Distt. - Lakhisarai (Bihar), Present Address being C/o Ashok
Driver, Viveke Nagar Malati, ward no. 4, P.S. - UNA, Distt. - UNA (Himachal
Pradesh) Pin 174303

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Puja Devi D/o Pulkit Yadav, W/o Sonu Yadav R/o Bhawanipur, P.S. -
Gopalpur (Rangra), Distt. - Bhagalpur

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh, Adv
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Damodar Prasad Tiwary, APP

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

2 23-05-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the informant as well as learned Additional Public
Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in
connection with Complaint Case P.S. Case No. 497 of 2022
dated 13.09.2022 registered for the offence/s punishable u/s
498A, 323, 313, 314 and 120 of the Indian Penal Code and
Section 3/4 of the D.P. Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, the petitioner and the
co-accused persons are alleged to have tortured the complainant
mentally and physically due to non-fulfillment of demand of Rs.



2,00,000/- as dowry.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and 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. There is general and omnibus allegation against the petitioner. Learned counsel for 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.

5. 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.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances



of the case as well as the allegation being general and omnibus, 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, Bhagalpur, in connection with Complaint Case P.S. Case No. 497 of 2022, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, with further condition/s:-

(i) The petitioner is directed to remain physically present before the learned Court below on each and every date, failing which on two consecutive dates without reasonable cause, the bail bond of the petitioner is liable to be cancelled.

7. 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.

8. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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