

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.81659 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-696 Year-2022 Thana- DHANARUA District- Patna

Raj Balabh Manjhi S/O Kailash Manjhi Resident Of Village Badaki Simhari
Ps Dhanarua District Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sheo Nandan Pandit, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Arbind Kumar Pandey (App.84)

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN
ORAL ORDER

3 05-03-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with
Dhanrue P.S. Case No. 696 of 2022 (S.Tr. No.337 of 2023),
lodged on 18.11.2022, under Sections 498A/304B of the Indian
Penal Code and Sections 3/4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

3. As per the prosecution, FIR has been lodged against
sole accused against whom there is an allegation that he has
killed the daughter of the informant due to non-fulfillment of the
dowry.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. Counsel
submits that antecedent of the petitioner is clean. He is in
custody since 22.11.2022. Counsel submits that the charge has



already been framed in this case and case is running at the level of Sessions Court. Counsel further submits that it is not the case of dowry death. He also submits that there is no likelihood to conclude the trial recently.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer for bail and submits that the informant has made accused only the petitioner. He is sole accused.

6. In this background, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at present but liberty is hereby granted to the petitioner that if the trial is not concluded within nine months he shall be liberty to renew the prayer for bail. The trial Court is directed to expedite the trial.

(Dr. Anshuman, J)

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