

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2108 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-243C Year-2022 Thana- COMPLAINT CASE District-
Lakhisarai

Ranjeet Singh @ Ranjeet Kumar S/O Sri Kishori Singh Village - Post
Kusedhi, P.S. Kewoti, District, Sheikhpura

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. STATE OF BIHAR patna bihar
2. Ranju Devi, Ranjeet Singh, D/O Sri Anandi Singh Village And Post- Sahur,
P.S. Suryagarha, District- Lakhisarai

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Dinkar Kumar, Adv.
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Madan Kumar, APP

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

ORAL ORDER

2 15-02-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in
connection with Lakhisarai Complaint Case No. 243C/2022
dated 18.05.2022 registered for the offences punishable u/ss
498A of the Indian Penal Code.

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.
5,00000/- as dowry and ousted her from the matrimonial home.

4. 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. It
is the further submitted that the petitioner is the husband of the



Complainant. The petitioner neither demanded any dowry nor tortured the Complainant. It is further submitted that the instant case has been lodged by the Complainant against the petitioner after lapse of 25 years of marriage. 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.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner and submitted that the petitioner is the husband of the Complainant.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case as well as the nature of allegation against the petitioner, 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, Lakhisarai in connection with Complaint Case No. 243C/2022, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure with further condition :-

(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 prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of his bail bond.

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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