

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.9902 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-144 Year-2023 Thana- ASHTHAWAN District- Nalanda

1. Birendra Pandit S/o Late Daso Pandit R/o Village-Panchi, P.S.-Shekhopursarai, Distt.-Shekhpura
2. Pratibha Devi W/o Birendra Pandit R/o Village-Panchi, P.S.-Shekhopursarai, Distt.-Shekhpura
3. Santosh Kumar @ Santosh Kumar Pandit S/o Birendra Pandit R/o Village-Panchi, P.S.-Shekhopursarai, Distt.-Shekhpura
4. Mithlesh Kumar S/o Birendra Pandit R/o Village-Panchi, P.S.-Shekhopursarai, Distt.-Shekhpura

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioners : Mr. Sudhir Kumar Raj, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Arun Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

4 30-04-2025 Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and learned A.P.P. appearing on behalf of the State.

2. The petitioners apprehend their arrest in a case registered for the offence punishable under Sections 498A, 304B and 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. The prosecution case, in brief, is that marriage of daughter of informant, namely Jyoti Kumari, was solemnized with co-accused Awadhesh Kumar in the year 2018 as per Hindu rites and rituals. It is alleged that on 13.02.2023, informant received information through mobile phone that his daughter



has committed suicide. It is further alleged that when informant, along with his family members, reached matrimonial house of his daughter, they saw that the victim was lying dead. Informant alleged that due to non-fulfillment of additional demand of dowry, all the F.I.R. named accused persons, including these petitioners, subjected the victim to cruelty and harassment as a result of which, the victim committed suicide.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners that petitioners are quite innocent and have committed no offence. Petitioner No. 1 is father-in-law, Petitioner No. 2 is mother-in-law and Petitioner Nos. 3 and 4 are brothers-in-law of the deceased and they are victims of over implication. Petitioners are separate in mess and property and have got no concern with the affairs of the deceased and her husband. Thrust of accusation is against husband of deceased, who is already in judicial custody since 15.04.2025. Petitioners claim clean antecedents.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State and learned counsel appearing on behalf of the informant have vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Considering the general and omnibus nature of accusation and clean antecedents of the petitioners, the prayer



for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners is allowed.

7. Accordingly, in the event of arrest/surrender within a period of eight weeks from today, let the above named petitioners be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Nalanda, Biharshariff in connection with Asthawan P.S. Case No. 144 of 2023, subject to condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S..

(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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