

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.25965 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-425 Year-2024 Thana- FATUA District- Patna

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Satyendra Kumar Son of Suresh Kewat Resident of Village - Shivchak, P.S.-
Fatuha, District - Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Karishma Devi Wife of Late Lalan Kewat Resident of Village - Shivchak,
P.S.- Fatuha, District - Patna.

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s :	Mr. Raj Krishna Jha, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s :	Mrs. Rina Sinha, APP
For the Informant :	Mr. Avinash, Advocate
	Mr. Sarvottam Anand, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY
ORAL ORDER

3 20-08-2025 Heard the parties.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Fatua P.S. Case No. 425 of 2024 for the offence under sections 69 and 3(5) of the BNS lodged on 10.07.2024 by the informant, Karishma Devi.

3. As per the prosecution story, the widow of Lalan Kewat has alleged that after the death of her husband on 04.10.2022, the parents-in-law wanted her to marry the younger son (petitioner herein) and on this premise, they started living together as husband-wife. Six months later, they changed their minds and wanted dowry of Rs. 9,00,000/- or refusal to marry. The *panchayati* took place but they retracted with their words and later, threatened her of dire consequences forcing her to lodge the FIR.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the lady is characterless, fed up with her attitude, the husband



consumed poison, rushed to the IGIMS, succumbed to the said consummation of poison whereafter putting pressure on the petitioner to marry, the FIR. They had already submitted an informatory petition (annexure-P-4 to the petition).

5. Learned counsel for the informant on the other hand opposes the prayer submitting that only to tarnish her image in the society, the entire story has been created. It was a natural death which reflects from the fact that there is no *postmortem* report and/or any Police case relating to the alleged consummation of poison when according to their own case, he was shifted to IGIMS. The fact remains that the lady was sexually exploited at the behest of the parents-in-law by the petitioner himself.

6. Considering the allegation that has come against the petitioner as also the facts that has been narrated by the learned counsel for the informant, it would be appropriate that the petitioner seeks bail.

7. The anticipatory bail application stands rejected.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

Adnan/-

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