

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.39073 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-43 Year-2024 Thana- Manikpur District- Lakhisarai

Anita Singh @ Anita Sinha, Wife of Raghunandan Mahto Resident of Village- Mustafapur, PS- manikpur, District-Lakhisarai

... .. Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Rekha Kumari @ Sukekha D/O- Bharat Mahto Resident of Village- Kolipur, P.S.- Manikpur, Distt.- Lakhisarai.

... .. Opposite Parties

Appearance :

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Brij Nandan Prasad, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Upendra Kumar, APP
For the Informant	:	Mr. Ranjay Kumar, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

4 15-09-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail, apprehending his arrest, in connection with Manikpur P.S. Case No.43 of 2024, dated- 01.06.2024, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 498(A)/494/34 of the Indian Penal Code and 3 / 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

3. As per allegation, after the marriage, the Informant joined the matrimonial home of the Petitioner/husband, but soon thereafter, additional demand of dowry started on the part of the Petitioner and his family members including the Petitioner, who is the mother-in-law of the Informant, and ultimately, the



Informant has been ousted from the matrimonial home and her husband has entered into second marriage, with one Arti Kumari at the instigation of the mother-in-law, who is the Petitioner herein.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the Petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. He further submits that the Petitioner is the mother-in-law of the Informant and she has nothing to do with the matrimonial life of her son and the informant. It is discretion of his son to marry or not marry. It is matter of his personal life and she has nothing to do with the personal life of the Informant and her husband.

5. It is also stated in paragraph no. 2 of the bail petition that the petitioner has not moved this Court earlier either for anticipatory bail or regular one in the instant case.

6. It has further been stated in paragraph no.3 of the bail petition that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents.

7. However, learned APP for the State vehemently opposes the prayer of the Petitioner for bail.

8. Considering the fact that the Petitioner is the mother-in-law of the Informant, **this petition is allowed**, directing the petitioner, above-named, to be enlarged on bail, in



the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt / production of a copy of this order, on his furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs. 10,000 /- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned concerned Court Below, in connection with Manikpur P.S. Case No.43 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of the B.N.S.S., 2023 and on the following conditions:

(i) In case, it is brought to the notice of the court below that the petitioner has any criminal antecedents, learned court below shall cancel the bail bonds of the petitioner after hearing him and getting satisfied that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedents despite his knowledge of the same.

(ii) In case, it is brought to the notice of the court below that statement regarding previous bail petition is wrong, learned court below shall cancel the bail bonds of the petitioner.

(Jitendra Kumar, J.)

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