

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.43676 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-344 Year-2024 Thana- RANIGANJ District- Araria

1. Sunil Mandal S/o Bhushan Mandal @ Ashok Mandal R/o vill - Parihari, ward no. 7, P.S.- Raniganj, Distt.- Araria
2. Jeetan Mandal S/o Bhushan Mandal @ Ashok Mandal R/o vill - Parihari, ward no. 7, P.S.- Raniganj, Distt.- Araria
3. Ranjan Devi W/o Sunil Mandal R/o vill - Parihari, ward no. 7, P.S.- Raniganj, Distt.- Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Gopal Kumar Jha, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Nagendra Prasad, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY
ORAL ORDER

3 15-10-2025

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioners have preferred this application for grant of anticipatory bail apprehending their arrest in connection with Raniganj P.S. Case no. 344 of 2024, registered under sections 80 and 61(2) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. As per the prosecution case, the informant states that over non-fulfillment of the demand of dowry by way of a motorcycle, his daughter who was married to Mitran Mandal was done to death.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the



petitioners happen to be the brothers-in-law and *gotni* (sister-in-law) of the deceased. The informant is not an eye witness to the occurrence and the allegations are general and omnibus in nature. The petitioners reside separately and had no concern with the affairs of the deceased or her husband. It is further submitted that while the occurrence is said to have taken place on 26.7.2024, the FIR was registered only on 29.7.2024 without any reasonable explanation for the delay. The husband of the deceased is in custody since 2.8.2024. The petitioners who have no criminal antecedent undertake to cooperate in the case/trial.

5. The application for anticipatory bail is opposed by learned A.P.P. for the State.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the allegations against the petitioners in the F.I.R, the material that has transpired in course of investigation, the relationship of the petitioners with the deceased, the husband of the deceased being in custody and the petitioners not having any criminal antecedent, it is directed that all the three petitioners above named, in the event of their arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of four weeks, be released on anticipatory bail in connection with Raniganj P.S. Case no. 344 of 2024 on each of them furnishing



bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate-I, Araria.

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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