

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.52198 of 2025**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-1452 Year-2022 Thana- KATIHAR COMPLAINT CASE
District- Katihar

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Puran Kumar Kewat S/O Phagu Kewat R/o village- Baidangi Pranpur, P.S.-
Mansahi, District- Katihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Anjali Kumari @ Anju Devi W/O Puran Kewat, D/O Lalu Kewat R/O
Chotki Ratni, P.S.- Hasanganj, Dist.- Katihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vinay Ranjan, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Meena Singh, APP

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
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ORAL ORDER

2 12-09-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned

Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Katihar Complaint Case No. 1452 of 2022
dated 08.08.2022 registered for the offence punishable under
Sections 498A, 323, 379 read with 34 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.
1 lakh as dowry.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in



this case. There is general and omnibus allegation against the petitioner who is husband of the complainant. The petitioner neither demanded any dowry nor tortured the complainant. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The co-accused persons have already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 28.11.2023 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 52741 of 2023. 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.**

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, 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, Katihar in connection with Katihar Complaint Case No. 1452 of 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 bail bonds of the petitioner are liable to be cancelled.

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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