

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.76049 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-443 Year-2023 Thana- KARJA District- Muzaffarpur

Rinju Devi @ Ranju Devi W/o Rajesh Chauhan R/o Village- Makdampur
Kodariya P.S.- Karja District- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Dr. Binay Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Pranav Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

3 21-01-2025 Heard learned counsels for the parties.

2. The petitioner apprehends her arrest in a case registered for the offence punishable under Sections 304B, 201, 120B and 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. It is a case of dowry death. It is alleged that this petitioner, along with other accused persons named in the F.I.R., committed murder of daughter of informant due to non-fulfillment of demand of dowry.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner that petitioner is quite innocent and has committed no offence. Petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case merely because she happens to be *Gotni* of the deceased. F.I.R. does not contain any concrete allegation against this petitioner and the same has been instituted only with a view



to settle personal scores and to harass the husband of the deceased and his family members. Petitioner is separate in mess and property and has got no concern with the alleged occurrence. As a matter of fact, husband of the deceased is residing in Sultanate of Oman since 29.03.2023 and employed in Galfar Engineering and Contracting SAOG. Petitioner is a lady and claims clean antecedents.

5. On the other hand, learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner and submitted that petitioner is named in the F.I.R. and it is specifically alleged in the F.I.R. that on the alleged date and time of occurrence, this petitioner, along with co-accused Hakhuua Devi, who happens to be mother-in-law of the deceased, committed murder of daughter of informant due to non-fulfillment of demand of dowry.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and the fact that petitioner is lady and has got no criminal antecedents, the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner is allowed.

7. Accordingly, in the event of arrest/surrender within a period of eight weeks from today, let the above named petitioner be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs.



10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class (Court No. 7), Muzaffarpur, in connection with Karja P.S. Case No. 443 of 2023, subject to condition as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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