

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.74163 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-481 Year-2024 Thana- RANIYATALAB District- Patna

Sunaina Devi, aged about 38 years, Female, wife of Nanahak Paswan,
Resident of Village - Ghana (Dhana) P.S. - Ranitalab, District- Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ashok Kumar Sinha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Chandra Bhushan Prasad, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESH CHAND MALVIYA
ORAL ORDER

2 19-11-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Ranitalab P.S. Case No. 481 of 2024 instituted for the offences
punishable under Sections 80, 238 read with 3(5) of the BNS,
2023 and Section 3/4 of the dowry prohibition Act.

3. As per allegation in the FIR, it is case of dowry
death of the deceased, namely, Muskan Kumari, due to non
fulfilment of dowry demand by the petitioner and his family
members and the petitioner is the mother-in-law of the
deceased.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence and has
falsely been implicated in this case. He submits that there is no
any specific allegation against the petitioner and there is general



and omnibus allegation alleged by the informant in the FIR. He further submits that petitioner is mother-in-law of the deceased and separated from the mess and business of the deceased and her family members. He next submits that the informant is not an eye witness of the occurrence. He lastly submits that father-in-law of the deceased has been granted anticipatory bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court and the anticipatory bail of the husband of the deceased is pending as submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner. Petitioner has got clean antecedent as stated in para 3 of the petition and is in custody since 17.05.2025.

5. Learned APP for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

6. From perusal of the FIR and impugned order of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-I, Danapur dated 05.08.2025, it appears that petitioner is named in the FIR. From perusal of the records, it appears that on the basis of the written report of the informant Phulpatiya Devi, (mother of the deceased) registered an FIR under Sections 80, 238 read with 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 and Section 3/4 of the dowry prohibition Act against 14 accused persons including the present petitioner. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the father-in-



law of the deceased has already been granted Anticipatory bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Cr. Misc. No. 35562 of 2025 vide order dated 03.09.2025 and the anticipatory bail of the husband of the deceased is already pending, so considering all these aspects of the case and submission of learned counsel for the petitioner, I am inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly the prayer for bail of the petitioner is allowed. Let the petitioner above named be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate-1st Class Danapur, Patna / Concerned Court in connection with Ranitalab P.S. Case No. 481 of 2024.

(Ramesh Chand Malviya, J)

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