IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.9784 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC010098252026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-46 Year-2024 Thana- MAHILA P.S. District- Lakhisarai

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Sunny Kumar Son of Late Anjani Kumar Singh Resident of 1459/10, A-Block, Near Eye Hospital, P.S.- Gazipur, P.O.- Ramsagar Mishra, District - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 2126016.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar.
2. Juhi Kumari Wife of Sunni Kumar D/o- Shashibhushan @ Ghanshyam Prasad, Resident of Begampur, Mansurganj, P.O. and P.S.- Malsalami, Patna City, Patna and also at Ward No.- 5, English (Near Cold Storage), Purani Bazar, P.O. and P.S.- Lakhisarai, Bihar - 811311.

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Alok, Advocate
For the State : Mr. M. K. Nirala, APP
For the Informant : Mr. Shailesh Anand, Advocate

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

9 19-11-2026 Heard learned Advocate for the petitioner, learned APP for the State and learned Advocate for the Informant.

2. The petitioner happens to be husband of the opposite party no.2 apprehends his arrest in connection with Lakhisarai Mahila P.S. Case No.46 of 2024 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 498(A), 341, 323, 504, 506 & 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3 & 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

3. The allegation against the petitioner is that he subjected opposite party No. 2 to dowry demands and cruelty on

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account of non-fulfilment thereof, besides snatching away her valuables and driving her out of the matrimonial home.

4. Learned Advocate for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is employed as a Bank Manager and that the marriage between the parties was solemnized on 11.12.2020. However, owing to certain matrimonial differences between the parties, the present FIR came to be instituted. It is further submitted that, with a view to resolving the matrimonial discord, a divorce petition, bearing Case No. 854 of 2024, has also been instituted before the learned Principal Judge, Family Court, Lucknow. Besides, the opposite party No. 2 has also instituted a maintenance proceeding, bearing Case No. 37 of 2024, before the competent court at Lakhisarai, wherein, pursuant to an interim order passed therein, the petitioner has been regularly paying maintenance to her at the rate of Rs. 20,000/- per month. This Court is also apprised that the maintenance amount has been paid to opposite party No. 2 up to October 2026.

5. Learned Advocates appearing on behalf of the State and the informant vehemently oppose the prayer for anticipatory bail and submitted that the petitioner had subjected the victim to cruelty in connection with demands for dowry and, in the

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aforesaid circumstances, does not deserve the privilege of anticipatory bail.

6. Considering the submissions advanced by learned Advocates for the respective parties and taking note of the fact that the petitioner has all along been paying the maintenance amount to the opposite party No. 2 and undertakes before this Court that he shall continue to ensure the payment of maintenance amount till final order is passed by the Family Court, let the above named petitioner, be released on bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Lakhisarai in connection with Lakhisarai Mahila P.S. Case No.46 of 2024, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, with further condition that one of the bailors shall be the own/close family members of the petitioner.

(Harish Kumar, J)

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