

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.13449 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-120 Year-2024 Thana- MAHILA P.S. District- Patna

Manish Kumar S/o Om Prakash Singh @ Brahmdeo Rai R/o Mohalla- Dujra
Devi Asthan, PS- Buddha Colony, District- Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Rani Kumari D/o Surendra Mahto, W/o Manish Kumar R/o Mohalla -
Bikhna Pahadi, Chai Tola, Kuan Gali, P.S.- Kadam Kuan, Distt.- Patna

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ravi Bhardwaj, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Shailendra Kumar Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 25-02-2026 Heard Mr. Ravi Bhardwaj, learned counsel

appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Shailendra Kumar

Singh, learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection
with Patna Mahila P.S. Case No. 120/2024 registered for the
offence(s) punishable under Sections 115(2), 126(2), 85, 3(5) of
BNS and Section 3/4 of D.P. Act.

3. Allegation is of subjecting the informant to various
sorts of torture due to non-fulfillment of demand of dowry.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioner submitted that petitioner has renewed the prayer for
pre-arrest bail under the circumstances that in light of order



dated 11.09.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No.34362 of 2025, the mediation between the petitioner and O.P. No.2 has failed. Learned counsel has also produced the report of the mediation dated 05.01.2026 before this Court for its perusal and submitted that the demand raised by the O.P. No.2 for one time settlement is out of the capacity of the petitioner.

5. *Per contra*, learned APP for the State vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail.

6. I find that under the circumstances both the parties now want to separate and the demand which the O.P. No.2 has raised before the petitioner is out of capacity of the petitioner, as has been informed in the open Court by Mr. Ravi Bhardwaj, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, and considering the fact that matrimonial dispute is a private conflict between spouses and does not inherently constitute an offence against society, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned District Court within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned JMFC, Patna / Concerned Court in connection with Patna Mahila P.S. Case No. 120/2024, subject



to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. The learned District Court is directed to verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and if it is found that the petitioner is involved in some other cases, as what has been stated in paragraph no.3 of the bail application, this order will automatically lose its force.

8. Considering the nature of dispute between the parties, I find that the same can well be resolved between them amicably outside the Court. The learned District Court may proceed to give effect to “Mediation for the Nation 2.0” by referring the matter before learned Mediator.

9. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the Member Secretary, Bihar State Legal Services Authority and the Patna High Court Mediation Centre, for the purpose of record.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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