IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.16690 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC010160222026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-3106 Year-2024 Thana- MUZFFARPUR COMPLAINT CASE District- Muzaffarpur

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Krishna Kumar S/o Nitishwar Kumar @ Nitishwar Kumar Singh R/o Village - Dumri Mahavirsthan, Purab Toli, Near Shanti Niketan Vidyalaya, Gobarsahi, P.S - Sadar, District - Muzaffarpur

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Pushpanjali Bharti D/o Anil Bharti W/o Krishna Kumar, R/o Mohalla - Gobarsahi, Chankya Bihar Colony, Lane No. 03, Main Road, P.S - Sadar, District - Muzaffarpur

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Gunja, Advocate
For the O.P. No. 2 : Mr. Abhimanyu Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Ajit Kumar, A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH

ORAL ORDER

8 19-11-2026 Heard Mr. Gunja, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner; Mr. Abhimanyu Kumar, learned counsel for the O.P. No. 2 and Mr. Ajit Kumar, learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection with Complaint Case No. 3106 of 2024 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 498A of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

3. As per the allegation made in the FIR, the complainant, after her marriage with the petitioner, was

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allegedly subjected to mental and physical cruelty on account of dowry demands, and due to non fulfillment of such demands by her family, she was ultimately ousted from her matrimonial home.

4. Considering the hope of reconciliation between the parties, who are husband and wife, this Court took endeavour to convince both the parties to lead a happy matrimonial life and for that the matter was heard in chamber on 01.05.2026. Again the matter was listed on 19.06.2026, on which date, the matter was adjourned for 03.07.2026. An adjournment was sought on 03.07.2026 on behalf of the petitioner and the matter was directed to be listed for hearing on 11.09.2026, however, it could be taken up only on 15.09.2026, on which date, this Court had referred the matter to the Mediation and Conciliation Center of Patna High Court to explore the chances of reconciliation between the parties by directing them to appear before the Mediation Center on 30.09.2026. As per the report of the learned Mediator dated 30.10.2026, which has been kept at 'Flag-M', both the parties chose not to appear on 30.09.2026 before the Mediation Center in compliance of order dated 15.09.2026, however, they appeared before the learned Mediator on 13.10.2026 and on 29.10.2026 along with their respective

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counsels but the parties could not arrive at any settlement and the mediation failed.

5. Today, when the matter has been taken up, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner again submitted that the petitioner is ready to live along with the opposite party no. 2, who is his legally wedded wife, but Mr. Abhimanyu Kumar, learned counsel representing the O.P. No. 2 submitted that he has received instruction that O.P. No. 2 cannot live along with the petitioner and she wants one time settlement.

6. Considering the aforesaid information, as well as, taking into consideration the allegation made in the complaint and the fact that matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Center of Patna High Court but the parties failed to reconcile or to arrive at any settlement before the learned Mediator, I find that the parties want to live separately for which, they have remedy before the learned District Court having jurisdiction.

7. The petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his/her 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

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each to the satisfaction of the learned District Court where the case is pending, in connection with Complaint Case No. 3106 of 2024, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

8. **The learned District Court is directed to verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner as stated in paragraph no. 3 of the bail application. If any other case is pending against the petitioner as what has been stated in paragraph no. 3, this order will lose its force automatically.**

9. Accordingly, the present bail application stands disposed of.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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