

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.21686 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-140 Year-2025 Thana- ARERAJ District- East Champaran

1. Naresh Patel @ Naresh Prasad S/o- Prabhu Raut @ Prabhu Patel R/v- Areraj W.No-9, Near Sadhu Math Ps- Areraj Dist- East Champaran
2. Ramkumari Devi @ Geeta Devi W/o- Prabhu Patel @ Prabhu Raut R/v- Areraj W.No-9, Near Sadhu Math Ps- Areraj Dist- East Champaran
3. Prabhu Patel @ Prabhu Raut S/o- Bhikhu Raut R/v- Areraj W.No-9, Near Sadhu Math Ps- Areraj Dist- East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Mukesh Kumar Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN
ORAL ORDER

2 08-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending arrest in connection with Areraj P.S. Case No. 140 of 2025, dated 28.06.2025, lodged under Section 80 of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as “BNS, 2023”).

3. As per the prosecution, an FIR has been lodged against the entire family, alleging that the accused persons killed the informant’s daughter for non-fulfillment of the dowry demand.



4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are innocent and have committed no offence. Counsel further submits that the allegations made in the FIR are general and omnibus in nature. It is submitted that the husband of the deceased has already been taken into custody.

5. Counsel further submits that Petitioner No. 1 is the brother-in-law, Petitioner No. 2 is the mother-in-law, and Petitioner No. 3 is the father-in-law of the deceased. It is also submitted that the deceased and her husband used to live together, and the petitioners had no involvement in their day-to-day affairs. Counsel further submits that the marriage was solemnized in the year 2021.

6. Learned APP for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioners but fairly submits that it has been mentioned in the pleadings that the deceased's husband is already in custody.

7. As such, in the present facts and circumstances of this case, let the above named petitioners be released on anticipatory bail, in the event of arrest or surrender before the Trial Court within a period of 4 weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand) each as mentioned in Section 2(1)(d) of the BNSS, 2023 to the



satisfaction of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate-V, East Champaran, Motihari, in connection with Areraj P.S. Case No. 140 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down U/s 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.

(Dr. Anshuman, J.)

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