IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.75935 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011100662026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-296 Year-2026 Thana- VAISHALI District- Vaishali

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Santosh Ram @ Santosh Kumar S/O Late Ram Ishwar Ram @ Rameshwar Ram R/O Village- Paterha, Bujurg, ward No 1, PS- Vaishali(Belsar OP), Distt- Vaishali

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Chandra Shekhar Sharma, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ram Priya Sharan Singh, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY

ORAL ORDER

3 18-11-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP for the State.

2. The instant application for anticipatory bail has been filed by the petitioner apprehending his arrest in connection with Vaishali (Belsar O.P.) P.S. Case No. 296 of 2026 instituted for the offence under Sections 103(1), 238 & 3(5) of the BNS.

3. The case of the prosecution, in short, is that one Priyanka Kumari was married to Satish Kumar. It is alleged that she was subjected to cruelty on account of non-fulfillment of dowry demand. It is further alleged that on 21.04.2026, all the named accused persons including the petitioner in the FIR have

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murdered Priyanka Kumari and cremated her dead body.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. He has falsely been implicated in this case. It has been submitted that the nature of allegation levelled against the petitioner is general and omnibus. It has been submitted that main thrust of allegation is against the husband. Petitioner happens to be the brother-in-law of the deceased. It has further been submitted that the marriage was solemnized in the year 2017 whereas the occurrence is of 21.04.2026 which makes a case under Section 103 of the BNS. It has been submitted that the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the bail of the petitioner.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and in the facts and circumstances of the case as stated above, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. The petitioner is directed to surrender in the Court below within four weeks from today and in the event of his arrest or surrender in connection with Vaishali (Belsar O.P.) P.S. Case No. 296 of 2026, he will be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) with two sureties of the like

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amount each to the satisfaction of learned court of Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Court No.5, Vaishali at Hajipur subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. Accordingly, the present bail application stands allowed.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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