IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.75697 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011100972026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-295 Year-2026 Thana- DUMRA District- Sitamarhi

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1. Ravindra Mahto S/O Baiju Mahto R/O Village- Berbas, Ward No. 12, P.O.- Raghopur Bakhri, P.S.- Dumra, Distt.- Sitamarhi, Pin Code- 843302 (Bihar).
2. Santosh Kumar S/O Nagendra Mahto R/O Village- Berbas, Ward No. 12, P.O.- Raghopur Bakhri, P.S.- Dumra, Distt.- Sitamarhi, Pin Code- 843302 (Bihar).
3. Anish Kumar S/O Ravindra Mahto R/O Village- Berbas, Ward No. 12, P.O.- Raghopur Bakhri, P.S.- Dumra, Distt.- Sitamarhi, Pin Code- 843302 (Bihar).
4. Gayatri Devi @ Mira Devi W/O Nagendra Mahto R/O Village- Berbas, Ward No. 12, P.O.- Raghopur Bakhri, P.S.- Dumra, Distt.- Sitamarhi, Pin Code- 843302 (Bihar).
5. Sundari Devi W/O Ravindra Mahto R/O Village- Berbas, Ward No. 12, P.O.- Raghopur Bakhri, P.S.- Dumra, Distt.- Sitamarhi, Pin Code- 843302 (Bihar).
6. Ashok Kumar S/O Nagendra Mahto R/O Village- Berbas, Ward No. 12, P.O.- Raghopur Bakhri, P.S.- Dumra, Distt.- Sitamarhi, Pin Code- 843302 (Bihar).

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Uday Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Satyendra Narayan Singh, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

2 04-11-2026 Heard learned Advocate for the petitioners and learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioners apprehend their arrest in connection with Dumra P.S. Case No.295 of 2026 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 80(2) & 3(5) of the BNS.

3. The marriage of the daughter of the informant was

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solemnized with the son of the petitioner Nos. 1 & 5. However, soon after the marriage, she was subjected to a demand of dowry, and on account of non-fulfillment of the same, she was done to death by the petitioners and others.

4. Learned Advocate for the petitioners submitted that petitioner Nos. 1 and 5 are the father-in-law and mother-in-law of the deceased, respectively, whereas petitioner No. 3 is her brother-in-law. It is contended that all three have been residing separately from the deceased and her husband. It is further submitted that petitioner Nos. 2, 4 and 6 are the cousin-bhaisur, cousin-mother-in-law and cousin-devar of the deceased, respectively, and have no concern with the alleged occurrence. They are also stated to be residing separately in different buildings. Learned Advocate contends that the implication of all the distant family members in the present FIR is nothing but an attempt to wreak vengeance and exert undue pressure upon the petitioners. It is further submitted that, in fact, on the fateful day, a matrimonial dispute arose between the deceased and her husband, whereupon, in a fit of rage, the deceased committed suicide. It is also pointed out that the informant, being aware of the true facts, has submitted an application before the learned Court below, narrating the circumstances of the occurrence and

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specifically disclosing the non-involvement of the petitioners in the alleged offence. It is lastly submitted that the husband of the deceased is already behind bars and, moreover, the petitioners undertake to fully cooperate with the proceedings of the Court.

5. On the other hand, learned Advocate for the State vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail and submitted that the marriage was solemnized barely two years prior to the occurrence, and the deceased died an unnatural death within the said period. It is further contended that, having regard to the allegations of dowry demand and torture preceding her death, the petitioners do not deserve the privilege of anticipatory bail.

6. Having considered the rival submissions advanced by the learned Advocates for the respective parties and taking note of the fact that the petitioner Nos. 2, 3, 4 & 6 are distant relatives of the deceased, let the above named petitioner Nos. 2, 3, 4 & 6, be released on bail, in the event of their 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) **each** with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sitamarhi in connection with Dumra P.S. Case No.295 of 2026, subject to the

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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 petitioners.

7. So far the prayer for bail of petitioner Nos. 1 & 5 are concerned, the same shall be considered after receipt of the case diary.

8. Call for the up-to-date legible carbon copy/xerox copy of the case diary in connection with Dumra P.S. Case No. 295 of 2026 from the court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sitamarhi.

9. List the case after receipt thereof or on 16.12.2026, whichever is earlier.

10. In the meantime, no coercive action be taken against the petitioner Nos. 1 & 5 till the next date of hearing.

(Harish Kumar, J)

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