

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.85735 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-241 Year-2025 Thana- NARDIGANJ District- Nawada

1. Dharmendra Chaudhary Son of Lakhan Chaudhary R/o Vill. - Nanaura, P.S. - Nardiganj, Dist. - Nawada.
2. Shanti Devi Son of Dharmendra Chaudhary R/o Vill. - Nanaura, P.S. - Nardiganj, Dist. - Nawada.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioners	:	Mr. Akhilesh Kumar, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Raj Ballabh Singh, APP
For the Informant	:	Mr. Priyadarshi Pankaj Raj Anand, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RITESH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 19-03-2026 Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioners seek bail in connection with Nardiganj P.S. Case No.241 of 2025, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 80 and 3(5) of the B.N.S., 2023.

3. As per the prosecution case, marriage of the informant's daughter, deceased Punam Kumari was solemnized on 09.02.2022 with the accused, Sonu Kumar and when the daughter of the informant went to her *Sasural*, all the accused persons used to call her mad. Co-accused, Sonu Kumar also used to demand dowry of Rs.2,00,000/- from the deceased for doing some business and all the accused persons, including the



petitioners also used to demand money from the deceased daughter of the informant. On 27.06.2025, at 09:00 p.m., the informant got information about the death of his daughter and when he reached the house of his daughter, she was found dead.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are father-in-law and mother-in-law of the deceased and they were living separately from their son and the daughter-in-law and had no concern with the day to day affairs of their son and the daughter-in-law. It is further submitted that the husband of the deceased is also in custody since 19.07.2025.

5. Learned counsel for the informant vehemently opposes the prayer for bail on behalf of the petitioners and submits that the petitioners were also responsible for the death of the deceased, since they used to demand dowry from the daughter of the informant along with their son, the husband of the deceased.

6. The learned A.P.P. for the State also opposes the prayer for bail.

7. Considering the submissions advanced on behalf of the parties and also considering the materials available on record, it transpires that the petitioners are father-in-law and mother-in-law of the deceased and they were living separately



from their son and the daughter-in-law. Further, there is no criminal antecedent against the petitioners.

8. Accordingly, the petitioners, above-named, are directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Nawada/concerned court in connection with Nardiganj P.S. Case No.241 of 2025, subject to the condition that the learned court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioners and, in case, at any stage, it is found that the petitioners have concealed their criminal antecedent, the learned court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bonds of the petitioners. However, the acceptance of the bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Ritesh Kumar, J.)

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