

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.400 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-278 Year-2025 Thana- JANDAHA District- Vaishali

1. Deepak Paswan @ Deepak Kumar Paswan S/o Kosta Paswan R/O Village- Sakrauli, P.S- Mahisaur, Distt.- Vaishali.
2. Manju Devi @ Sanju Devi W/O Deepak Paswan @ Deepak Kumar Paswan R/O Village- Sakrauli, P.S- Mahisaur, Distt.- Vaishali.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Shahabuddin Azeem @ S. Azeem, APP.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

3 19-03-2026 Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioners and learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioners seek pre-arrest bail in connection with Jandaha P.S. Case No. 278 of 2025 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 80, 238 and 3(5) of the BNS.

3. As per the allegation made in the F.I.R., the petitioners along with other co-accused are said to have murdered the daughter of the informant for non-fulfillment of demand of dowry.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and they have falsely been implicated in the case. The petitioners are



father-in-law and mother-in-law of the deceased and they are living separately and they have no concern with the affairs of their son and the daughter-in-law (deceased). They have clean antecedent.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners.

6. Having heard the rival submissions made on behalf of the parties, as well as, having perused the allegation made in the F.I.R., I find that the petitioner no.1, who is the father-in-law of the deceased, has made out a case to be released on pre-arrest bail.

7. The petitioner no.1 is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the Court below within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-IV, Vaishali at Hajipur in connection with Jandaha P.S. Case No. 278/2025, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C / 482(2) BNSS.

8. So far as petitioner no.2 is concerned, she being the mother-in-law has more influence in the family and has not taken any action once she found that her daughter-in-law was



missing leading to recovery of dead body in jungle, I am not inclined to enlarger the petitioner no.2 on pre-arrest bail.

9. The learned District Court is directed to verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner no.1 and if it is found that the petitioner no.1 is involved in some other cases as what has been stated in Para-3 of the bail petition, this order will automatically lose its force.

10. The bail application stands disposed of.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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