IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 599 of 2026

Karan Kumar, son of Arun Kumar, aged about 23 years, resident of village Mirzapur, P.O. Sandh, P.S. Barkagaon, District-Hazaribag
..... …Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ..... … Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioner :Mr. Saurabh Shekhar, Advocate
Mr. Atma Ram Chaudhary, Advocate
Mr. Anurag Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Bishambhar Shastri, A.P.P.

02/ 05.05.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Barkagaon P.S. Case No. 153 of 2025, registered under sections 85, 103(1) of BNS and 3 and 4 of D.P. Act, pending in the Court of learned J.M. Ist Class at Hazaribag.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner happens to husband of the deceased and allegations are made that this petitioner has killed his wife. He next submits that only allegation is made of demand of dowry however straightway allegation of murder has been made against the petitioner. He further submits that case diary has been received and in para 31 of the case diary it has come that death has occurred due to asphyxia from hanging and apart from that there is no other wound on the body of the deceased. He further submits that investigation in the light of post mortem report has not been done and investigation is being done as the petitioner has murdered his wife. He then submits that only interested witnesses who are family members have supported the case of prosecution. On these grounds, he submits that the petitioner may kindly be provided privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits that in the F.I.R there are allegation of demand of dowry and pursuant to that deceased has died.

5. In the F.I.R, there is direct allegation of murder however, how that has occurred, is not disclosed. Pursuant to last order case diary has been received and in para 31 of the case diary it has come that death has occurred due to asphyxia from hanging and no injury has been found. Prima facie it appears that investigation is going on the in the light of murder only.

6. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the above named, petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of his surrender / arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned J.M. Ist Class at Hazaribag, in connection with Barkagaon P.S. Case No. 153 of 2025, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.05.05.2026 **(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)**

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