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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRCA No. 1820 of 2026

1 - Dr. N.P. Shukla S/o. Late Haribhakt Ram Shukla Aged About 64 Years R/o. Bharatiya Nagar, Near Income Tax Office, Vyapar Vihar Road Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)

2 - Smt. Kavita Shukla W/o. Dr. N.P. Shukla Aged About 58 Years R/o. Bharatiya Nagar, Near Income Tax Office, Vyapar Vihar Road Bilaspur, District- Bilaspur (C.G.)

... Applicants

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Mahila Thana Durg, District- Durg (C.G.)

... Respondent

(Cause title is taken from CIS)

For Applicants	: Mr. Sushil Dubey, Advocate
For State/Respondent	: Mr. Avinash Singh, G.A.
For Objector	: Mr. Prasoon Agrawal, Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Parth Prateem Sahu

Order on Board

02/11/2026

1. Applicants have preferred first bail application filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short

‘BNSS’) for grant of anticipatory bail to the applicants who are apprehending their arrest in connection with Crime No. 88/2026 registered at Police Station – Mahila Thana, Durg District – Durg (C.G.) under Sections 85, 91, 318(4), 115(2), 316, 296, 3(5) of B.N.S and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. The case of the prosecution in brief is that the marriage between complainant Smt. Diksha Chaturvedi (Shukla) and Ravi Shukla solemnized on 19.01.2025. The allegation against the applicants is that the applicants who are father-in-law and mother-in-law of the complainant, along with their son Ravi Shukla induced the complainant's family into marriage by misrepresenting educational qualifications and employment of her husband, and extracted cash and other articles during wedding ceremonies. Shortly after marriage, the applicants and their son in lieu of demand of dowry subjected the complainant to physical and mental cruelty.

3. Learned counsel for applicants would submit that baseless allegation have been levelled against the applicants of harassing the complainant with regard to demand of dowry. The applicants are old aged father-in-law and mother-in-law, they have been falsely implicated in this case. He also submits that applicant No.1 is professor of Sanskrit and HOD in the CMD, College, Bilaspur. Applicant No.2 is mother in law of the complainant. He also contended that the marriage of their son performed with the complainant on 19.01.2025 and thereafter, the complainant find

herself difficult to adjust in the family, thereafter the false report has been lodged. Hence, the benefit of anticipatory bail may be extended to them.

4. Learned State counsel opposes the submission of learned counsel for applicants. He submits that there is specific allegation against the applicants harassing, abusing and also assaulting the complainant for want of dowry. He also submits that there is allegation that due to the said assault the complainant suffered miscarriage. It is contended that some photographs have been filed to support that prior to filing of the complaint, the complainant was treated with cruelty. He also pointed out there is transfer of Rs.11,50,000/- in cash to applicant No.1/father in law and Rs.10,00,000/- in the account of applicant No.2/mother in law. When specific question is posed with regard to date of transfer of said money, he submitted that from the date it appears that the said transaction was made at the time of marriage.

5. Learned counsel for the objector would also oppose the submission of learned counsel for applicants and submits that the applicants along with the co-accused has projected their son to be working in the multinational company and thereby they have succeeded in making relationship with the complainant family. He also submits that from the date of marriage the complainant was harassed and also assaulted due to which she suffered

miscarriage and thereby the applicants have actively participated in commission of offence.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the respective parties and perused the documents placed on record.

7. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegation, submission made by learned counsel for respective parties and further considering the date of marriage and also that the applicant No.1 is aged about 64 years and is professor of Sanskrit as submitted by counsel for the applicants that he is HOD in the CMD, College, Bilaspur. Applicant No.2 is mother-in-law of the complainant, without commenting anything on merits of the case, I am inclined to allow this anticipatory bail application.

8. Accordingly, the anticipatory bail application is **allowed** and it is directed that in the event of arrest of applicants in connection with the aforementioned crime number, they shall be released on anticipatory bail by the Officer arresting them on executing a personal bond in the sum of ₹25,000/- with one surety each in the like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned arresting Officer. Applicant shall also abide by the following conditions:

(i) that the applicants shall make themselves available for interrogation before the Investigation Officer as and when required;

(ii) that the applicants shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade

him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

(iii) that the applicants shall not act, in any manner, which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial; and

(iv) that the applicants shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to them by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

Certified copy as per rules.

Sd/-

(Parth Prateem Sahu)

JUDGE

Ravi Mandavi