

IN THE COURT OF DISTT. & ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE-XXI, PATNA.
Anticipatory Bail Petition No.5367 of 2025
(Arising out of Complaint Case No. 1888 (C) of 2024)

Hemlata Devi

.....Petitioner

V/s

State of Bihar

.....Opposite Party

ORDER

21.04.2026

1. Anticipatory bail petition filed on behalf of the petitioner namely, **Hemlata Devi** who is apprehending her arrest in connection with **Complaint Case No. 1888 (C) of 2024** registered under section-498A 341, 323, 504 of I.P.C. & Prevention of Dowry Act(4), which is pending in the court of Ld. S.D.J.M, Patna has been moved by her learned counsel. Learned A.P.P. for the State as well as Ld. Counsel of the complainant appeared. LCR is available on the record.

2. The case of the prosecution, in short, is that marriage of complainant with accused Kumar Abhimanyu was solemnized on 06.12.2021. It is alleged that she was physically and mentally tortured by the in-laws family and her husband. Further alleged that her husband has illicit relation with two other girls. Further alleged that her husband used to demand Rs. 25 Lakhs and four wheeler vehicle. On the basis of these allegations the present complaint was registered.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner has no criminal antecedents. Further submits that petitioner is quite innocent and committed no offence. Further submits that petitioner is mother-in-law of the complainant and there is no specific allegations against her in entire complaint petition. Further submits that no allegations of demand of dowry are against the petitioner, allegations are vague, general and concocted one. Further submits that complainant has been willfully deserted her husband and all disputes are between husband and wife. Further submits that the petitioner has never filed any bail application for regular or anticipatory bail prior to this application either before this court or before the Hon'ble High Court, Patna. It is further submitted that petitioner is ready to furnish the sureties to the satisfaction of the court, hence she prayed for anticipatory bail.

4. On the other hand the learned Addl. P.P. for the State as well as Ld. Counsel of the complainant has strongly opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

5. Heard. Record as well as LCR, S.A and statement of enquiry witnesses perused, On perusal it transpires that allegations against petitioner are general and omnibus. Petitioner is aged about 48 years and mother-in-law of the complainant. No

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21.04.2026 specific allegations are levelled against the petitioner for physical and mental harassment. Petitioner is not previously involved in any criminal cases.

7. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, discussions and clean past antecedents, petitioner, namely, **Hemlata Devi** is directed to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of her arrest or surrender within four weeks of this order on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the court below subject to conditions laid down u/s-438(2) Cr.P.C. with further condition :-

- i) Petitioner shall not repeat any criminal offence in future.
- ii) Petitioner shall not induce, threat or promise to any of the witness acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case,
- iii) Petitioner shall co-operate in investigation and trial.
- iv) One of the bailor shall be family member of petitioner.

It is however, clarified that nothing expression herein above shall tantamount to an expression of opinion of merits of the case.

(Dictated).

Sd/-

(Sunita Rani)
Dist.&Addl.S.J. XXI,
Patna

Date of Order	21.04.2026
Date of Reserving Order	NA
Uploading Date	22.04.2026
Uploaded by	Rahul/-