

Kanhaiya Jee Choudhary
Principal District & Sessions Judge, Purnea
ABP No.-933/2026 (CIS No. 933/2026)
(Arising out of Complaint Case No. 602/25)
Upendra Prasad Mehta & 03 others Vs. State of Bihar
Order dated:- 08.07.2026

THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, PURNEA
Anticipatory Bail Petition No. 933/2026 (CIS No. 933/2026)
(Arising out of Complaint Case No. 602/2025)

IN THE MATTER OF:-

1. Upendra Prasad Mehta, age 55 years, S/o Late Mahgu Mehta,
 2. Pushpa Devi, age 52 years, W/o Upendra Prasad Mehta,
 3. Dilip Kumar Mehta, age 35 years, S/o Upendra Prasad Mehta,
 4. Puja Kumari, age 32 years, S/o Wd. Dilip Kumar Mehta,
All resident of Village- Gadhiya Balua (Dira), Ward No. 7,
P.S. K.Nagar, District- Purnea Petitioners.
- Vs.

State of Bihar O.P.

Date of order or proceeding	Order with signature of the court	Office action taken with date
08.07.2026	1. This anticipatory bail petition filed on 05.06.2026, on behalf of the petitioners, namely, 1. Upendra Prasad Mehta, 2. Pushpa Devi, 3. Dilip Kumar Mehta and 4. Puja Kumari, who are apprehending their arrest in connection with C.A. Case No. 602/2025 registered for the offence u/s. 85, 115 of BNS is put up for hearing. 2. Heard Sri Jayant Kumar Mishra, learned counsel for the petitioners and Sri A.K.Tiwary, learned P.P. appearing for the State. 3. The complaint case filed by the complainant, Ritu Kumari in brief, is that her marriage was solemnized with Pradeep Kumar Mehta on 28.06.2023. It has been alleged that in her in-laws' house, she was subjected to cruelty by her husband and in-laws due to inability to give them two kattha of land and a bullet motorcycle as dowry. On 10.03.2024, accused persons assaulted her badly, snatched her ornaments and drove her out of the house. 4. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are innocent and they are in-laws of the complainant other than husband. The petitioner have separate mess and they have never made any demand of dowry nor tortured the complainant physically and mentally. The petitioners are local men	

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