

In the court of Sessions Judge, Bokaro

Anticipatory Bail Petition No. 448/2026
(CNR No.JHBK010024472026)

(1) Asgar Ali	
(2) Najra Begam @ Najra Khatoon	
(3) Imtiyaz Ahmad	Petitioners
Versus	
(1) State of Jharkhand	
(2) Sangita Kumari Yadav	Opposite Parties

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05/13.08.2026 Present Ld counsel for the petitioners and Ld P.P for the State.

Heard both sides.

This anticipatory bail petition has been filed on behalf of three petitioners namely (1) Asgar Ali, (2) Najra Begam @ Najra Khatoon and (3) Imtiyaz Ahmad, who are apprehending to their arrest in connection with City Mahila P.S Case No.07/2026 registered for the offence u/s. 85, 115(2), 352, 351(2), 351(3), 3(5) of BNS 2023, pending in the court of SDJM, Bokaro.

Ld. Counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have committed no offence, rather, they have been falsely implicated in this case by the informant with an ulterior motive. Petitioner No.1 & 2 are father-in-law and mother-in-law and petitioner No.3 is elder brother-in-law of the informant and they have no concern with informant or her husband. Petitioners are never tortured the informant in any manner and the entire allegations levelled against them are false and baseless. It is further submitted that prior to this case, informant has lodged a case in Obera P.S, District Sonbhadra bearing Obera P.S. Case No.152/2024, u/s 85,

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115(2), 351(2), 352 of B.N.S, 20203 and Section 3/ 4 of D.P. Act against all the accused persons including her husband and said case was compromised in between the parties. The petitioners undertakes to co-operate in the investigation of the case and shall abide by any conditions imposed by the Court. Hence, they may be enlarged on anticipatory bail.

On the other hand, Ld. P.P. for the State has strongly opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners and submitted that the petitioners are actively involved in the offence. The investigation is still in progress against the petitioners, and hence, they do not deserve the privilege of anticipatory bail.

Perused the record along with the case diary and other materials available on record. It appears that on 04.05.2026, an FIR was registered for the offences under Sections 85, 115(2), 352, 351(2), 351(3) and 3(5) of the BNS, 2023, against five accused persons, including the present petitioners, based on the written report of the informant, Sangeeta Kumari Yadav. It is alleged therein that in the year 2009, the informant met Raju during training at Tatyatopo Stadium, Bhopal, when she was aged about 14 years. Thereafter, Raju regularly met her and allured her with the promise of marriage and physical intimacy. Believing his words, she agreed to enter into a physical relationship with him, during which Raju took her nude photographs. In the year 2016, she joined the C.I.S.F., and their relationship continued. Thereafter, he took her Aadhaar Card and PAN Card for the purpose of marriage. When she went to the office

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of the Ghaziabad Marriage Registrar, she found that her name had been mentioned as Sangeeta Alam instead of Sangeeta Yadav, and therefore, she refused to marry him. She also came to know that the original name of Raju was Aftab Alam. Thereafter, Aftab Alam forced her to marry him by threatening to circulate her nude photographs. Consequently, she agreed to marry him and signed as Sangeeta Alam in the Registrar's Office. In the meantime, she was blessed with a female child. After marriage, she was subjected to physical and mental cruelty and was subjected to demands for dowry. Aftab Alam restrained her from worshipping idols and, by calling a Maulvi, attempted to convert her to Islam. In an attempt to forcibly convert her to Islam, her father-in-law, Asgar Ali, mother-in-law, Najra Khatoon, and elder brother-in-law, Imtiyaz Ahmad, along with Aftab Alam, allegedly tortured her. She was subjected to torture by Aftab Alam for several years. He also allegedly attempted to kill her daughter. Thereafter, she decided to live separately, as she was not willing to convert to Islam under any circumstances. He regularly threatened and tortured her in various ways. Due to the continuous harassment, she underwent heart surgery at Max Hospital, Delhi. He also told her that he was in relationships with several Hindu girls, one of whom was Chitra, and that he had stayed with her at a hotel in Pune on 15.04.2026.

The petitioners are named accused in the FIR, and the allegations against them are that they, being father-in-law and mother-in-law and brother-in-law of the informant have regularly

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tortured the informant for demand of dowry as well as forced her to convert her religion.

It further appears that the informant, in her re-statement recorded in paragraph 2, and the witnesses examined during the investigation in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the case diary, have supported the allegations against the petitioners.

Paragraph 17, 23, 36, 47 of the case diary reveals that in this case notice u/s 35 (3) BNSS, 2023 served to the petitioners on three occasions but in response there, neither they appeared before the Investigating Officer nor submitted their reply, which indicates that they are not co-operating in the investigation of the case.

The allegations against the petitioners are direct, specific, and of a serious nature. The investigation is still ongoing against the petitioners.

Having regard to the entire facts and circumstances of the case as well as nature of allegations against the petitioners, I am not inclined to extend them the privilege of anticipatory bail. Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners namely (1) Asgar Ali, (2) Najra Begam @ Najra Khatoon and (3) Imtiyaz Ahmad, stands rejected.

(Dictated)
Sd/-

(Anil Kumar Mishra No.2)
Sessions Judge, Bokaro
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