

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

A.B.A. No. 3194 of 2025

Munil Kumar @ Munil Kumar Ram, son of Krishna Ram, resident of village Hosir,
P.O Richughuta, P.S. Latehar, District- Latehar. Petitioner(s).

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Rinki Devi, daughter of Bihari Ram, resident of village Hosir, P.O- Richughuta, P.S. Latehar, District Latehar, permanent resident of village Dembu, P.O Jhabar, P.S. Balumath, District- Latehar. ... Opp. Party(s).

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Mahesh Kr. Mahto, Advocate.
For the State : Mrs. Snehlika Bhagat, A.P.P.

03/10.07.2025: This anticipatory bail application under Section(s) 482 and 484 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, has been preferred by the petitioner apprehending his arrest for the offences registered under Section(s) 498A, 323, 341 IPC read with Sections 3, 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act in connection with Balumath P.S. Case No. 25/2024, pending in the Court of learned CJM, Latehar.

Heard the parties at length and had gone through the documents, annexed along with this application.

Opportunity was given to the State to oppose the bail, which the State availed and opposed.

The petitioner is the husband and there is allegation that the petitioner has tortured the wife and has also demanded dowry.

During course of argument, learned counsel for the State submits that it has come in the case diary that the petitioner in compliance of notice under Section 41A Cr.P.C, had appeared before the police and has got his statement recorded. She submits that the petitioner is cooperating with the investigation.

Since the petitioner has complied with the notice under Section 41A Cr.P.C and the offence is punishable for less than seven years, this case is covered by the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Satender Kumar Antil Vs. Central Bureau of Investigation & Another**, reported in (2022) 10 SCC 51 as well as the observation made in the case of **Satender Kumar Antil Vs. Central Bureau of Investigation & Another** reported in (2024) 9 SCC 198.

Thus, the petitioner is directed to surrender before the Trial Court and seek regular bail which shall be considered by the said Court strictly in compliance of the guidelines laid down in the case of **Satender Kumar Antil (supra)** as well as the observation made therein. The petitioner is also directed to appear before the Investigating Officer once in every fifteen days till submission of final report.

Accordingly, this application stands **disposed of**.