

(2025:JHHC:28961)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B. A. No. 5678 of 2025

Devendra Kumar Mehta @ Devendra Prasad Mehta @ Dewendra Kumar Mehta, aged about 39 years, son of Kashi Mahto, resident of Village- Sindur, P.O. & P.S.- Sadar, District- Hazaribagh.

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand
2. Madhu Devi, wife of Shri Devendra Kumar Mehta @ Devendra Prasad Mehta, daughter of Shri Jageshwar Kumar Mehta, resident of Village- Kanaudi, P.O. & P.S.- Daru, District- Hazaribagh.

.... Opp. Parties

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. A.K. Kashyap, Sr. Advocate Ms. Nisha Singh, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Ajay Kumar Pathak, A.P.P.
For the Informant	:	Mr. Anil Kumar, Advocate

4/ 19.09.2025 Heard the parties.

2. Petitioner has been made accused in connection with Daru P.S. Case No. 93 of 2018 for the offences registered under Sections 341, 323, 379, 498-A, 328, 420, 452 of the Indian Penal Code, Sections 3, 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act and Sections 3 / 4 of the Prevention of Witch (Daain) Practices Act, pending in the Court of Sri Vivek Kumar, learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Hazaribagh.

3. Prayer for bail of this petitioner was earlier rejected by this Court vide B.A. No. 2196 of 2025 by order dated 11.04.2025.

4. The petitioner happens to be the husband of the informant. It is alleged that to enforce demand of dowry, the informant was tortured and ultimately, she was driven away from matrimonial home.

5. It appears that the petitioner was earlier granted anticipatory bail vide A.B.A. No. 1383 of 2019 with a condition that he will receive the informant back to matrimonial home and keep her and maintain her with full dignity. It further appears that the petitioner did not receive his wife to her matrimonial home and subsequently he surrendered.

6. It was submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 16.01.2025.

7. Report regarding the stage of trial, earlier called for, has been received. It appears that out of ten charge-sheeted witnesses, only four witnesses have been examined.

8. Learned counsel appearing for the informant has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

9. Considering the period of custody, I am inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of Sri Vivek Kumar, learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Hazaribag, or his successor, in connection with Daru P.S. Case No. 93 of 2018.

(Ambuj Nath, J.)

R.Kr.