

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 4397 of 2026

1. Pradeep Das @ Pradip Mahra, aged about 53 years, son of late Titar Mahara
 2. Sarita Devi @ Sabita Devi, aged about 49 years, wife of Pradeep Das @ Pradip Mahra
 3. Pardesiya Das @ Vivekanand Das, aged about 30 years, son of Akal Das
 4. Rina Devi @ Reena Kumari, aged about 25 years, wife of pardesiya Das @ Vivekanand Das
 5. Bijli Devi, aged about 45 years, wife of Ganesh Mahra
- All are residents of village-Garbhuadih, Tapovan, P.O. and P.S. Kunda, District-Deoghar

..... ... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand

..... ... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI

For the Petitioners	:Mr. Lalit Yadav, Advocate
For the State	: Mr. Praful Jojo, A.P.P.
For the Informant	: Ms. Rashika Bhardwaj, Advocate

02/ 17.09.2026: Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the State and learned counsel for the Informant.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Kunda P.S. Case No. 51 of 2026, registered under sections 80 (2)/3(5) of BNS, pending in the Court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Deoghar.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case. He next submits that petitioner no.1 is the father-in-law, petitioner no.2 is the mother-in-law, petitioner no.3 is the elder brother-in-law, petitioner no.4 is the sister-in-law and petitioner no.5 is the Aunt-in-law of the deceased. He next submits that there are general and omnibus allegations of demand of dowry and torture. He further submits that death has occurred due to asphyxia. On these grounds, he submits that the petitioners may kindly be provided privilege of anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsels for the State and informant oppose the

prayer and submit that there are direct allegation against the petitioners of demand of dowry and torture that led the death of the deceased and in view of that anticipatory bail may kindly be rejected..

5. In para 17 of the case diary the husband of the deceased has stated that he along with his mother used to torture and they have demanded dowry from the deceased which clearly suggests that there is direct allegation of assault and torture against the petitioner no.2 and in view of that I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner no. 2 namely, Sarita Devi @ Sabita Devi who is mother-in-law of the deceased. Accordingly, her prayer for bail is hereby rejected.

7. So far anticipatory bail on behalf of petitioner nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 are concerned, they are father-in-law, elder brother-in-law, sister-in-law and aunt-in-law and there are general and omnibus allegations against them, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5. Accordingly, the above named, petitioner nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 are directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of their surrender / arrest, the petitioner nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Deoghar, in connection with Kunda P.S. Case No. 51 of 2026, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.17.09.2026

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(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)