

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A. B. A. No. 5531 of 2025

Ankit Bhardwaj, aged about 33 years, son of Awadhesh Kumar Singh,
resident of Shastri Nagar, P.O. and P.S. Gumla, District-Gumla, Jharkhand
..... ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR DWIVEDI
For the Petitioner :Mr. Mohit Prakash, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Sanjay Kr. Srivastava, A.P.P.

05/ 18.09.2025: Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with
Mahila P.S. Case No. 05/2025, registered under sections 376(2) (n), 379,
420 of I.P.C., pending in the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class,
Ranchi.

3. By way of referring contents of F.I.R, learned counsel for the
petitioner submits that it has been stated therein that the petitioner married
with the informant in temple by putting vermilion in her head at Bokaro and
thereafter marriage has been solemnized. He further submits that all these
facts have been disclosed before the authority by way of Annexure-3. He
then submits that even the mother and informant have admitted that
marriage has been solemnized and with the consent of the mother, the
petitioner and informant were residing together. He further submits for
demand of Dowry, case under the Dowry Prohibition Act may be made out
and there is no question of case under section 376(2)(n) of I.P.C. On these
grounds, he submits that the petitioner may kindly be provided privilege of
anticipatory bail.

4. Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer and submits
that allegation are there of demanding additional dowry.

5. In view of averments made in the complaint, it transpires that marriage has been solemnized and this fact has come that even the brother of the informant has given money for stay in hotel and allegation is made of demand of additional demand of dowry. Prima facie it appears that no case of section 376(2) (n) I.P.C is made out.

6. In the attending facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the above named, petitioner is directed to surrender before the learned court within three weeks from today and in the event of his surrender / arrest, the petitioner shall be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate, Ist Class, Ranchi, in connection with Mahila P.S. Case No. 05/2025, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of B.N.S.S, 2023.

Dt.18.09.2025

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(Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi, J.)