

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No.3098 of 2017**

1. Dilip Manjhi
2. Karu Manjhi Petitioners
Versus
The State of JharkhandOpposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioners : Mr. L. C. Roy, Advocate
For the State : Addl.P.P.

04/31.07.2017 Apprehending their arrest in connection with Sarwan P.S. Case No.20 of 2017 corresponding to G.R. No. 266 of 2017 instituted under Sections 302, 201, 376/34 of the Indian Penal Code, the petitioners have moved this Court for grant of privileges of anticipatory bail.

Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and learned Addl.P.P. appearing for the State.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioner No.1 is the *Chachera Devar* (Brother-in-law) and petitioner No.2 is the *Chachera Sasur* (Father-in-law) of the deceased namely Neelam Devi. The allegation against the petitioners is that they murdered the deceased. The dead body of the deceased was found, then the dead body was identified by the mother of the deceased as well as by the other witnesses examined by the police during the investigation and post-mortem was conducted. There is further allegation that the petitioners along with the co-accused persons have murdered the deceased and then attempted to destroy the evidence by burning the face of the dead body. It is submitted that for the murder of the deceased, Sarath P.S. Case No.17 of 2017 was registered in which the in-laws of the deceased have been made accused. Hence, doubt is created regarding the dead body of the deceased recovered in connection with this case. The allegations against the petitioners are false. Hence, the petitioners may be given the privileges of anticipatory bail.

Learned Addl.P.P appearing for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners and submitted that the dead body of the deceased recovered in this case has been identified by her mother. It is further submitted that the eye-witnesses have also stated before the police about the recovery of the apparel, bangle etc. of the deceased. Hence, there is no doubt about the identity of the dead body of the deceased in connection with this case. The investigation of this case is also going on. The allegations against the petitioners are direct and serious in nature. The custodial

interrogation of the petitioners is also required in this case. Hence, the petitioners ought not be given the privileges of anticipatory bail.

Considering the submissions of learned counsels and the facts and circumstances stated above, I am not inclined to grant privileges of anticipatory bail to the petitioners. Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the above named petitioners is rejected.

Animesh

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)