

**SECTION 498A – CRUELTY – TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION – DISCHARGE**

II (2009) DMC 779

**PATNA HIGH COURT**

*Abhijit Sinha, J.* DHARMENDRA KUMAR @ DHARMENDRA KUMAR VEDI & ORS.

- Petitioners Versus

STATE OF BIHAR & ANR. – Opposite Parties

Cri.Misc. No. 13154 of 2007 – Decided on 26.9.2008

- (i) Criminal Procedure Code,1973 – Section 177,245 – Indian Penal Code 1860 – Section 498A – Cruelty – Territorial jurisdiction – Discharge – Refusal of – Justified – Demand for dowry continued throughout entire occurrence i.e. both in paternal house and matrimonial home – It was because of dowry demand that she/her father were assaulted, maltreated and humiliated – Only on intervention of S.P. Complainant came back to parental house and saved herself – Parental home is in District of Begusarai - Cause of action occurs both at Begusarai and Khagaria – Begusarai Court had jurisdiction to entertain complaint, took cognizance and issued process.  
(Paras 9,10)
- (ii) Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 – Section 177 – Territorial jurisdiction – “Ordinarily” - Meaning of term – Discussed.

(Para 7)

**Result : *Application dismissed.***

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