

ORDER

1. Neelam Devi, 60 years, W/o- Ram Dhani Yadav
2. Ankit Yadav, 23 years, S/o- Ram Dhani Yadav
3. Manish Kumar, 35 years, S/o- Ram Dhani YadavPetitioners

Vs

State of Bihar.....O.P.

ORDER

23-06-2026 An application for grant of anticipatory bail filed on behalf of the above named accused petitioners namely **1. Neelam Devi, 2. Ankit Yadav and 3. Manish Kumar**, who are apprehending their arrest in connection with **Sultanganj P.S. Case no. 255/2026** relating to offences punishable u/Ss 331(7), 118(2), 109, 103(1), 61(2) of the B.N.S. & 27 of the Arms Act, pending in the learned Court of A.C.J.M-I, Bhagalpur, is put up and moved.

Heard Mr. Yogesh Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioners as well as Mr. Satyanarayan Prasad Sah, learned P.P. for the State.

The prosecution story, in short, is that on getting information about firing by 5-6 criminals at the office of Nagar Parishad, Sultanganj causing bullet injury to the Chairman of Nagar Parishad, the informant, Inspector of Police, reached there and found the Executive Officer and Chairman of Nagar Parishad lying in pool of blood. Both the injured were taken to Referral Hospital where the Executive Officer Krishna Kumar Bhusan was declared dead and Chairman Raj Kumar Guddu was referred to Mayaganj Hospital. The informant, thereafter, examined the CCTV footage and identified Ramdhani Yadav, Deepak Yadav and Pinku Yadav as assailants.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, apart from taking the pleas of innocence and false implication, submitted that petitioner no. 2 and 3 bears one criminal case as criminal antecedent in which they are on bail but petitioner no.-1 is a woman of clean criminal antecedent. He further submitted that petitioners are not named in FIR and have been dragged in this case because they happen to be the wife and children of assailant Ramdhani Yadav who has already been killed by the police in an encounter after the occurrence. He lastly submitted that petitioners are not involved in the occurrence and prayed to extend the privileges of anticipatory bail which is vehemently opposed by the learned P.P on the grounds amongst others that the process u/S-82 of the Cr.P.C/84 of the B.N.S.S has been against them.

Heard both sides and perused the case record from which it transpires that though these petitioners are not named in the F.I.R. but during the course of investigation the I.O recorded the confessional statement of apprehended accused who named these petitioners as their accomplices as mentioned in Para-39 of the case diary. Petitioner no.-1 Neelam Devi happens to be the wife of named accused Ramdhani Yadav as well as Deputy Chairman of Nagar Parishad, Sultanganj and she had extended threatening to deceased Executive Officer on earlier occasion which has been stated by the witnesses in their respective statements as mentioned in Para-62, 63, 64 and 103 of the case diary. The threatening extended by the petitioner no. 1 was also noted down by the deceased Executive Officer in the proceeding book and same was also communicated to the senior officers. Further, accused Sanni Kumar, another son of accused Ramdhani Yadav, in his confessional statement as mentioned in Para-76 of the case diary, named these petitioners as accomplices in the crime. The I.O. procured the CDR and tower locations of all the accused and suspects including the petitioners herein and on the basis of technical and scientific investigation came to know about the involvement of these petitioners in this crime. Eye-witnesses, in their respective statements as mentioned in Para-103 and 104 of the case diary, have named these petitioners as accomplices in the crime. The supervising officer has also found the case true against these petitioners. Witness Deepika Sah happens to be the wife of deceased Chairman Raj Kumar Guddu and in her statement, as mentioned in Para-295 of the case diary, she stated that earlier petitioner no.-1 was Chairman but in the year 2022 deceased Raj Kumar became Chairman and petitioner no.-1 became Deputy Chairman and since then she along with her husband and sons including the petitioners herein have been exerting pressure upon deceased Chairman to work in their favour but as deceased Chairman was impartial in discharging his duty so they got enraged and had threatened to kill the Chairman and Executive Officer. This witness also stated that decision by Election Commission, Patna over the eligibility of petitioner no. 1 Neelam Devi was to be taken on 30.05.2026 in which both the deceased i.e. Chairman and Executive Officer had to go there and due to this they have been killed by Ramdhani Yadav and his family members including the petitioners herein. Three witnesses, in their respective statements u/S-183 of the B.N.S.S., as mentioned in Para-305, 306 and 307 of the case diary, have categorically stated about threatening extended to deceased Executive Officer by petitioner no.1

Neelam Devi in the month of December 2025. Allegations against these petitioners are serious in nature as Executive Officer and Chairman of Nagar Parishad, Sultanganj have been killed in broad day light in the office itself and in spite of sufficient evidences and materials showing showing their complicity in this case these accused petitioners are evading their arrest. Again, though the bail petition shows clean criminal antecedent of petitioner no.1 and one criminal case against petitioner no-2 and 3 but from perusal of the case diary it transpires that petitioner no.1 bears two criminal cases and petitioner no. 3 bears altogether four criminal cases. Though these petitioners have been declared proclaimed offenders during the pendency of this anticipatory bail petition but in view of the evidences and materials that have been come against them, this court does not find it a fit case to extend the privileges of anticipatory to any of the accused petitioners.

Hence, the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail made on behalf of all the accused petitioners namely **1. Neelam Devi, 2.Ankit Yadav and 3. Manish Kumar** is hereby **rejected**.

Dictated

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(Prabhat Krishna)

IVth Addl. Sessions Judge

Bhagalpur

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