

IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT & ADDL. SESSIONS JUDGE-III, KATIHAR
ANTICIPATORY BAIL PETITION No. 211/2026
(Arising out of Pothia P.S. Case No. 114/2025)

Dukhan Mandal

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Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

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Opposite Party

Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner:-

Sri Lalan Kumar Jha, Advocate

Ld. Counsel for the State :-

Sri Shiv Narayan Singh, APP

Date of hearing/Disposal: 21.04.2026

ORDER

An anticipatory bail petition has been filed on behalf of the accused petitioner namely Dukhan Mandal who is apprehending his arrest in connection with Pothia P.S. Case No. 114/2025 for the offences registered U/S 80, 3(5) of the B.N.S. The copy of the same has been duly served to the Ld. Addl. P.P. for the State.

Heard the Ld. counsel for the petitioner and the learned A.P.P. for the State.

The Ld. counsel of the petitioner has submitted that no A.B.P. or B.P. on behalf of the accused petitioner has been filed or moved before this court or before the Hon'ble High Court, Patna. The petitioner is quite innocent and have not committed any offence and he has been falsely implicated in this case. That the petitioner is father-in-law of the alleged victim. That there is no criminal antecedent against the petitioner. Petitioner is ready to furnish local and solvent bailors to the satisfaction of the court. Accordingly, prayed to grant bail.

On the other hand, the Ld. Addl. P.P. vehemently opposed the prayer of A.B.P. filed on behalf of the above named accused petitioner and submitted that the petitioner have committed the alleged offence under well planned manner. Hence, it is requested to reject the petition of the above named accused petitioner.

The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that Nanki Devi alleged that her daughter Guddi Kumari, married to Mukesh Mandal for about eight years ago and mother of two children, was harassed for dowry. On 11.09.2025, Mukesh Mandal along with Dukhan Mandal and Geeta Devi allegedly strangled and killed her. Hence, the present case.

Heard rival submission of the Ld. counsel on behalf of the accused petitioner and the Ld. Add.P.P. for the State and perused the case diary. From perusal of the same, it transpires that the instant case Pothia P.S. Case No. 114/2025 for the offence registered U/S 80, 3(5) of the B.N.S. The petitioner is the named accused of the FIR and there is allegation against him that he along with other persons tortured the

deceased Guriya Kumari for demand of dowry and ultimately killed her. The victim has been died in her matrimonial house in suspicious circumstances. The allegation made against the petitioner is serious in nature and investigation of this case is still pending.

Hence, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and discussions made hereinabove and keeping in mind the seriousness of accusation and gravity of offences, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail at this stage. Accordingly, prayer for anticipatory bail of the above named accused petitioner stand **rejected**.

(Sd/-)

(Sunil Kumar Singh-III)
D.A.S.J.- III, Katihar
21.04.2026