

IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT & ADDL. SESSIONS JUDGE-III, KATIHAR
ANTICIPATORY BAIL PETITION No. 412/2026
(Arising out of Azamnagar P.S. Case No. 424/2025)

Radhika Devi ... Petitioner
Versus
The State of Bihar ... Opposite Party

Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner:- Sri Nitesh, Advocate
Ld. Counsel for the State :- Sri Panchanand Singh, APP

Date of hearing/Disposal: 19.05.2026

ORDER

An anticipatory bail petition has been filed on behalf of the accused petitioners namely (1) Radhika Devi, who is apprehending her arrest in connection with Azamnagar P.S. Case No. 424/2025 for the offences registered U/S 115(2), 126(2), 123, 103(1),3(5) of the B.N.S. The copy of the same has already 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 earlier, no B.P. or A.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 innocent and she has not committed any offence at all and have been falsely implicated in this case. Petitioner has not criminal antecedent. That there is good and cordial relation between the son of the petitioner and deceased. That petitioner is the mother-in-law of the so-called deceased and there is no specific allegation against the petitioner. Petitioner is residing separately from her son. There is no eye witness in the present case. Petitioner is ready and willing to abide by the terms and conditions laid down by this court. Petitioner is ready to furnish local and solvent bailors to the court satisfaction. Accordingly, prayed to grant bail.

On the other hand, the Ld. Addl. P.P. vehemently opposed the prayer of anticipatory bail filed on behalf of the above named accused petitioner and submitted that the petitioner has 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 the informant Vikram Singh alleges that his sister Puja Devi, wife of Jitendra Singh, was subjected to physical and mental cruelty by Jitendra Singh, Radhika Devi, Satyendra Singh, Ruby Devi,

Vipin Singh, Seema Devi, Rani Devi and Gajanand Singh. On 15.11.2026, the informant allegedly received the information that the accused persons had given poison to Pooja Devi and caused her death. He further alleged that the accused persons had earlier threatened to burn her alive by pouring kerosene oil. 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 C.D. From perusal of the same, it transpires that the case has been registered for the offence punishable U/S 115(2), 126(2), 123, 103(1), 3(5) of the B.N.S. against the accused person. The petitioner is the named accused of the FIR and there are specific allegations of continuous physical and mental cruelty against the accused persons prior to the death. The death occurred within the matrimonial home in suspicious circumstances and the accused is mother-in-law of deceased. The involvement of the accused can not be ruled out at this stage. The allegations are serious and heinous in nature. Though the petitioner has not any criminal antecedent, but investigation of this case is still pending.

Hence, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and discussions made hereinabove, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail. Accordingly, prayer for anticipatory bail of the above named accused petitioner stand **rejected**.

(Sd/-)

D.A.S.J.-III, Katihar
19.05.2026