

IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT & ADDL. SESSIONS JUDGE-III, KATIHAR
ANTICIPATORY BAIL PETITION No. 1218/2025
(Arising out of Azamnagar P.S. Case No. 196/2025)

Chano Devi & Others

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Petitioners

Versus

The State of Bihar

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Opposite Party

Ld. Counsel for the petitioners:-

Sri Naresh Kanti, Advocate

Ld. Counsel for the State :-

Sri Panchanand Singh, APP

Date of hearing/Disposal: 20.04.2026

ORDER

An anticipatory bail petition has been filed on behalf of the accused petitioners namely (1) Chano Devi, (2) Daya Devi, (3) Chandniya Devi and (4) Logen Sharma who are apprehending their arrest in connection with Azamnagar P.S. Case No. 196/2025 has been registered for the offences U/S 103(1), 61(2) of BNS. The copy of the same has been duly served to the Ld. Addl. P.P. for the State.

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

The Ld. counsel of the petitioners has submitted that no B.P. or A.B.P. on behalf of the accused petitioners has been filed or moved earlier before this court or before the Hon'ble High Court, Patna. The petitioners are quite innocent and has not committed any offence at all. That the petitioners has clean antecedent. That the petitioners were not present at the place of alleged occurrence. That nothing incriminating articles have been recovered from the possession of the petitioners. All the accused persons are female. Petitioners are ready to abide by the terms and conditions imposed by this court. Petitioners are ready to furnish local and solvent bailors to the satisfaction of the court and there is no chance of absconding. Accordingly, prayed to grant anticipatory bail.

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

The case of the informant, in brief is that on 14.06.2025, he received information that his son Kodev Sharma was found dead in a field near Barbari village. The body was brought home, and police sent it for post-mortem. It is alleged that the deceased's wife, Chano Devi, had an illicit relationship with Kalu Sharma, which led to disputes. She had left home earlier. On the day of the incident, the deceased went to search for her and later his body was found.

The informant suspects that Chano Devi , Kalu Sharma and others murdered his son. Hence, the present case.

Heard rival submission of the Ld. counsel on behalf of the accused petitioners and the Ld. Add. P.P. for the State and perused the case diary. The instant Azamnagar P.S. Case No. 196/2025 has been registered for the offences U/S 103(1), 61(2) of BNS. The petitioners are the named accused of the FIR and though as per the allegation, no one has seen committing the alleged crime, but the victim has raised suspicion against them on the basis of their previous conduct. The case is at investigation stage and vicera report is still awaited. There are serious allegations against the petitioners.

Hence, this anticipatory bail application is not maintainable and considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and discussions made hereinabove, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail. Accordingly, prayer for bail of the above named accused petitioners stands **rejected**.

(Sd/-)

(Sunil Kumar Singh-III)
D.A.S.J.-III, Katihar
20.04.2026