

**IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA**

**Anticipatory Bail Petition No.1077 of 2026.**

1. Poonam Devi
  2. Dolly @ Dolly Kumari
  3. Sulekha Devi
  4. Rakesh Sahni @ Rakesh Kumar
  5. Jitendra Sahni
  6. Ranjeet Kumar
  7. Kamli Devi
- ..... Petitioners.

**Versus**  
**The State of Bihar**

<b>Order No.</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>02</b>	<b>18-03-2026</b>

**O R D E R**

1. The **seven petitioners** seek anticipatory bail in connection with **Digha P.S. Case No. 160 of 2026**, registered under Sections 61(2), 74, 115(2), 126(2), 303(2), 351(2), and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).
2. The prosecution case, in brief, is that on 19.02.2026 at about 8:30 p.m., the accused persons namely, Poonam Devi, Kamli Devi, Sulekha Devi, and Jitendra Sahni, residents of the same locality, acting in furtherance of their common intention, forcibly entered the house of the informant, Gauri Devi, and abused her. It is alleged that petitioner No.7, Kamli Devi, twisted the informant's hand, dragged her to the ground, and, along with the others, assaulted her with fists and kicks. During the incident, Kamli Devi allegedly snatched a gold chain from the informant's neck. Further, petitioner No.3, Sulekha Devi, and petitioner No.5, Jitendra Sahni, are said to have threatened to kill the informant, while all accused warned her of dire consequences if she approached the police. It is also alleged that petitioner No.4, Rakesh Sahni (son of the landlord), together with petitioner No.2, Dolly, and her husband, were present at the scene and actively aided the accused in committing the offence. The informant has further stated that similar incidents had occurred previously.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the only non-bailable offences alleged are under Sections 74 and 303(2) of the

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BNS, which carry a maximum punishment of five years imprisonment and are triable by a Magistrate. It is further submitted that petitioner Nos.1, 3, 5, and 7 are tenants of Ashok Sahni, petitioner No.4 is the landlord's son, petitioner No.2 is his cousin, and petitioner No.6 is her husband. Learned counsel contends that the allegations are general and omnibus in nature, and the petitioners have clean antecedents.

4. For a better appreciation of this anticipatory bail application, office is directed to **call for case diary** along with criminal antecedent of accused-petitioners from I.O of the case.
5. At this juncture, learned counsel for the petitioners prays for interim protection against arrest.
6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case; the nature of the offences and the punishment prescribed; nature of accusation against the petitioners; the submissions advanced on behalf of the petitioners; and their clean antecedents, ***interim protection from arrest is granted to the petitioners till the next date in connection with Digha P.S. Case No. 160 of 2026.*** The petitioners are, however, directed to cooperate with the Investigating Officer and remain available whenever required by the police.
7. Re-list this case on 01.04.2026.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Rupesh Deo)  
Sessions Judge, Patna

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