

Anticipatory Bail Petition No. 166/2026

Dhanarua P.S Case No.- 198/2026

Dated: 17.07.2026

Sanju Devi & Ors.....

Applicant

Vs

State of Bihar.....

Opposite Party

Anticipatory Bail Petition has been filed on the behalf of Accused Applicant 1. Sanju Devi 2. Bakhori Paswan 3. Dharmendra Paswan along with fresh power by Ld. Counsel for the petitioners Shri Lallu Prasad. Copy of the petition is served on Ld. APP for the state.

The above name accused petitioners are named in Dhanarua P.S Case No:- 198/2026 for offenses U/S 80 and 3(5) of BNS. The case of prosecution in brief is that informant Devendra Paswan, age about 45 years, father late Ramkrit Paswan, resident of Alipur Akauna, police station Lahsuna, district Patna. States that on 02-04-26 at 05:03 in the evening, his son-in-law Sudhir Paswan, father Vinod Paswan, resident of Sahru, police station Dhanrura, district Patna, called him on his mobile number 9546187387 from his mobile number 8160456372 and said that your daughter is being beaten, if you want to save her then come and save her, during this run, the sound of his daughter Anshu screaming was coming, after a while, when he came to his daughter's in-laws' house in village Sahru with his family, he saw that the dead body of his daughter Anshu Kumari was lying there and there were injuries on the neck and body and all the people of the in-laws' house had fled from their house. He got his daughter married in the year 2020 with Hindu customs and traditions. Sudhir Paswan, After about 1 year of marriage, her mother-in-law Renu Devi, wife of Vinod Paswan, resident of Sahru, along with her sister Sanju Devi, brother Bakhori Paswan, and cousin Dharmendra Paswan, all three of Jalalpur, all of them, used to demand gold ring, chain and car. Sometimes they also demanded money. When it was not given, all the above mentioned people together used to torture his daughter Anshu Kumari physically and mentally. In the past also, these people had beaten his daughter many times, after which instead of filing a case in the police station, they reached a settlement through Panchayat. As per the informant his daughter was murdered by his son-in-law 1 Sudhir Paswan and his mother-in-law 2 Renu Devi along with their relatives Sanju Devi, 4 Bakhori Paswan, 5 Dharmendra Paswan together.

Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner submits that the applicant has not previously filed any anticipatory or regular bail application before any superior court. The applicant has no criminal history. The applicant is innocent and has not committed any crime as alleged in the prosecution case. There is no chance of absconding of the petitioner or tampering with evidence. The petitioner is ready to obey all the direction of the court. No occurrence took place as described in the prosecution case. The F.I.R is based on suspicion and emotional reaction. The petitioners have no concerned any alleged demand of dowry. The petitioners are living separately and were not present at the place of occurrence at relevant time. On the other hand Ld. APP for the state has opposed the prayer the bail.

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Heard both sides. Case diary has been called for which is received. Perused the case record and the case diary. As per the case of prosecution the named accused persons of the case have caused dowry death of informant's daughter Anshu Kumari. The witnesses in case diary para 9, 10, 12, 21, 22, 23 have stated about the incident and torture to the deceased. Post-mortem report is on record which shows that cause of death is asphyxia resulting from antemortem hanging. The post-mortem report also discloses swelling and bruises on the body of the deceased. The inquest report also states about injury on the persons of the deceased. During the investigation one brown colour belt is recovered from the house of the deceased. Petitioners are named accused in the F.I.R. The case is under investigation.

Considering the above facts, circumstances, and pending investigation against petitioner, this court is not inclined to enlarge the accused petitioners 1. Sanju Devi 2. Bakhori Paswan 3. Dharmendra Paswan on anticipatory bail. Therefore, the prayer of anticipatory bail of the above named accused petitioner is rejected. The anticipatory bail petition of the above named accused is dismissed.

Dictated and Corrected

Sd-

Sanjeev Kumar-I

Additional Sessions Judge-II

Masaurhi, Patna