

THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, PURNEA
Anticipatory Bail Petition No. 353/2026 (CIS No. 353/2026)
(Arising out of K.Nagar P.S. Case No. 253/2025)

IN THE MATTER OF:-

Mangan Paswan, aged about 56 years, S/o Late Raghu Paswan, resident
of Village- Baigachhi, Ward No. 01, P.S. K.Nagar, District- Purnea Petitioner.
Versus

State of Bihar O.P.

Date of order or proceeding	Order with signature of the court	Office action taken with date
10.04.2026	1. This anticipatory bail petition filed on 21.02.2026, on behalf of the petitioner, namely, Mangan Paswan, who is apprehending his arrest in connection with K.Nagar P.S. case no. 253/25 registered for the offence under sections 103(1), 3(5) of BNS is put up for hearing. 2. Heard Sri Sumit Kumar Suman, learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Sri A.K.Tiwary, learned P.P. appearing for the State. 3. The prosecution case, in brief is that informant's daughter Juli Devi was married to Sewal Paswan ten years ago of the alleged incident. Informant's son-in-law used to harass informant's daughter for dowry, due to which informant tried to make peace several times but his son-in-law did not change his attitude. On 10.10.2025, at around 1:15 a.m., informant's grandson Sunny Kumar called the informant on phone and told him that his mother (Juli Devi) had been murdered. On receiving this information, the informant went to his daughter's in-laws' house in Baigachhi at 2 a.m. and found his daughter Juli Devi lying dead. There was also a mark of a rope noose on her neck which suggested him that she was murdered by strangulation. The daughter of informant was subjected to cruelty by her husband and other in-laws, namely, Mangan Paswan (father-in-law), Septi Devi (mother-in-law), Suresh Paswan, Fulo Paswan, Putul Devi and Buchni Devi due to non-receipt of dowry demanded by them. The informant believes that when the accused persons did not receive the demanded dowry amount, they killed his daughter by strangulating her with a rope.	

Contd./ 10.04.2026	4. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and the allegation leveled against him is false and concocted. He has further submitted that there is no specific allegation against the petitioner and no incriminating article has been recovered from him. Deceased died due to stomach ache. He has further submitted that the case has been compromised between the parties. The petitioner does not carry any criminal history. There is no chance of his absconding. So, prayed for anticipatory bail. On the other hand, learned P.P. vehemently opposed the prayer of bail of the petitioner. 5. I have heard the rival submission of both parties and perused the record and case diary. From perusal of the same it appears that the present case is related to murder due to non-fulfillment of demand of dowry. The petitioner is named in the F.I.R. and he is the father-in-law of informant's daughter Juli Devi (deceased). Juli Devi's unnatural death occurred at her in-laws' house. Independent witnesses in para 42, 43, 44 and 45 of the original case diary have stated that after the incident, a large number of villagers gathered at the place of occurrence. Subsequently, the maternal relatives of deceased were informed; when they arrived at night, husband of deceased, namely, Sewal Paswan, his father, Mangan Paswan and other family members fled away leaving the dead body of the deceased. Later, maternal relatives of deceased took the deceased away to have a post-mortem examination conducted, and subsequently brought her to their own village Hat Dhanhara to perform her funeral. This indicates the involvement of the petitioner and other members of the deceased's in-laws' family in the incident. Paragraph 2 of the case diary contains the death inquest report of the deceased. According to the external examination in the postmortem report of the deceased, Rigor mortis present all over the body. The nail beds and lips were cyanosed. Face was congested. Both conjunctivae were hemorrhagic. (1) One ligature mark 0.5" wide	
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