

In the Court of Sessions Judge, Supaul
A.B.A.-526/2026
(Arising out of Raghopur PS Case No:-56/2026)

<u>28/04/2026</u>	1. Paro Devi, W/o- Ram Narayan Mukhiya; 2. Sahari Devi @ Manju Devi, W/o- Rajesh Mukhiya, both R/o-Ramvishanpur, Ward No.07, PS- Raghopur, District- Supaul;Accused/Petitioners Vs. State of Bihar.O.P. Ld. Counsel for petitioners Sri. Pawan Kumar Bharti, Advocate. Ld. APP Sri. Amar Kumar Das, for the State. By this order we are going to dispose off the anticipatory bail application filed on behalf of accused/ petitioners, namely 1. Paro Devi and 2. Sahari Devi @ Manju Devi, who are apprehending their arrest in connection with Raghopur PS Case No.:–56/2026, u/s- 103(1) of BNS. Ld. counsel for the accused/ petitioners submitted that accused/ petitioners are quite innocent and have committed no crime and they have falsely been implicated in this case out of grudge, malice and dirty party politics. He further submitted that accused/ petitioners have not involving in any other case and having the clean antecedent. He further submitted that the offence as alleged in FIR is not applicable against the accused/ petitioners. It is also submitted that accused/ petitioners are ready to abide by the provisions of section 482 of B.N.S.S, so they may be admitted to the anticipatory bail. Ld. APP for the State strongly opposed the anticipatory bail application. In brief, the prosecution story is that on dated 14.02.2026, a written application was given by the informant namely Shyamwati Devi to the police of PS Raghopur, stating therein that the marriage of her daughter namely Kaushaliya Devi was solemnized with accused Sundar Mukhiya for about 10-12 years as per the Hindu Rites and Customs and the couple was also blessed by three children. The informant further alleged that since last few days, her daughter was tortured by her husband Sundar Mukhiya and other family members namely Rajesh Mukhiya, Paro Devi, Sahari Devi and Dilkhush Mukhiya. The informant further alleged that on 13.02.2026 all the accused persons have caused death to her daughter Kaushaliya Devi and when she received this information on 14.02.2026 at about 01:00 P.M., then she reached at the matrimonial home of her daughter and thereafter she filed this FIR. Argument heard from both sides and perused the record as well as case diary. On going through the case diary, it transpires that the police also recorded the statement of witnesses namely Shankar Kumar, Chandan Kumar, Fulo Devi and Sita Devi. The police also recorded the statement of witness namely Palat Mukhiya and this witness has specifically stated to the police that when he reached at the matrimonial house of the deceased then he found the dead body was lying there and the entire family members were ran away from the house and there was the strangulation mark on the neck of the	Contd.
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