

In the Court of Sessions Judge, Vaishali
A.B.P. No. 1404/2026

1. Dharmendra Paswan, aged about 46 years S/o Ramashish Paswan
 2. Lalita Devi, aged about 43 years W/o Dharmendra Paswan
- Residents of village – Asadharpur, P.S. - Kajipur, Distt. - Vaishali.

- Petitioner

Verses

State of Bihar - O.P.

Appearance : -

Learned counsel for the petitioners : - Sri Suman Kumar advocate.

Learned P.P. for the State : - Sri Shyam Babu Rai,

Learned counsel for the informant : - Sri Awadhesh Kumar, Advocate

Present : Harshit Singh,
Sessions Judge, Vaishali.

Date of order : 13th. July 2026

Heard the learned defence counsel as well as learned Public Prosecutor and the learned counsel for the informant on the anticipatory bail application filed on behalf of the above named accused petitioners under section 482 of B.N.S.S. who are apprehending their arrest in connection with Hajipur Sadar P.S. Case No.267/2026 registered u/ss. 103, 80 & 3(5) of B.N.S.

It is stated in Para 2 of the anticipatory bail petition that no bail application either anticipatory or regular has been filed in the present case either before this court of Sessions or before the Hon'ble High Court, Patna.

During argument, the learned counsel for the petitioners pressed the petition dated 10.07.2026 and prayed to withdraw the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner no.1 namely Dharmendra Paswan. Hence, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner no.1 namely **Dharmendra Paswan is dismissed** as withdrawn.

The prosecution case, in brief, as per written report of the informant Ram Ishwar Paswan is that he had married his daughter namely Gunjan Kumari in the month of April 2021 with Suman Kumar. After marriage his daughter went to her Sasural, where all the accused persons namely Suman Kumar, Ashok

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Paswan, Lakshmi Devi, Sanjiv Paswan, Satish Paswan, Veena Devi Putul Devi and **Lalita Devi** started demanding a Bullet motorcycle and Rs.3 lakhs cash as dowry and started torturing her mentally and physically. The informant and his family members came and tried to convince the accused persons but they did not listen. In the mean time his daughter was blessed with a daughter and a son namely Arushi Kumari and Shivansh Kumar. In the meanwhile his daughter came to know that her husband has illicit relationship with his Bhabhi **Lalita Devi** (petitioner), which was opposing by his daughter. It is further alleged that on 24.04.2026 all the above named accused persons strangled his daughter to death and after murder they in association with accused Janvijay Paswan, Rinku Devi, Dharmendra Paswan, Bittu Paswan, Arun Paswan had just taken his daughter's body out of the house with the intention of hiding it. The people of that village informed him. As soon as when he alongwith his family members reached there, the accused persons fled away leaving the dead body near Baswari. Thereafter, the police was informed who came and recovered the dead body and sent the dead body for postmortem. On the basis of the said written report of the informant, this instant case was registered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner Lalita Devi is innocent and has not committed any offence. She has falsely been implicated in this case. The entire allegations are false and concocted. No occurrence as alleged took place. As a matter of fact, the daughter of informant herself committed suicide. Petitioner Lalita Devi is an old aged lady. On the alleged date of occurrence, she was out of village as she had gone to attend marriage ceremony in her relative's house at village Kumaharkol. Petitioner has no criminal antecedent. Hence, a prayer has been made to allow this anticipatory bail petition.

The learned Public Prosecutor for the state and learned counsel for the informant opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner Lalita Devi.

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Heard both the parties and perused the trial court record alongwith the case diary. From perusal of the trial court record and the case diary written up to Para 88 dated 30.06.2026. and other materials available on record, it transpires that there is allegation against the petitioner and other accused persons to commit murder of informant's daughter Gunjan Kumari by pressing her neck due to non-fulfillment of dowry demand of a Bullet motorcycle and cash Rs.3 lakhs. The marriage of the deceased was solemnized in the month of April 2021 and the alleged occurrence occurred on 24.04.2026 within seven years of the marriage at the matrimonial house of the deceased. The informant in his re-statement in Para 4 and other witnesses in their statements in Para 10 & 11 of the case diary have supported the prosecution case and have specifically stated that due to non-fulfillment of dowry demand of Bullet motorcycle and cash Rs.3 lakhs, the deceased was subjected to torture and cruelty by her husband and other in-laws including the petitioner. They have also stated in their statements that there was illicit relationship of deceased's husband namely Suman Kumar with his cousin Bhabhi namely Lalita Devi (petitioner), which was opposed by the deceased. Due to these reasons, the deceased was murdered by the accused persons including the petitioner by pressing her neck. The postmortem report of the deceased Gunjan Kumari mentioned in Para 42 of the case diary shows the doctor has **found** :-

Ligature mark reddish brown bruise like present over upper anterior and lateral neck facing upward laterally and deficient in back, about 1 cm breadth.

The doctor has opined that cause of death is asphyxia due to hanging.

Para 88 of the case diary shows that the charge-sheet has been submitted against the co-accused Ashok Paswan and Lakshmi Devi for the offences u/ss. 80 & 3(5) of B.N.S. and investigation against the petitioner Lalita Devi is still going on.

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Therefore, considering the aforesaid facts, circumstances of the case as well as gravity of the offences I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner no.2 namely Lalita Devi. Accordingly, her prayer for anticipatory bail is hereby rejected.

(Dictated)

(Harshit Singh)
Sessions Judge, Vaishali

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