

**IN THE COURT OF SH. SAMAR VISHAL,
ASJ-02, SOUTH, SAKET COURTS, NEW DELHI**

Bail Application No. 379/2026

State Vs. Shila Kumari

FIR No. 58/2026

PS Saket

23.04.2026

Order on Anticipatory Bail

Present: Sh. Arun Kumar Singh, Ld. Additional PP for the State.
Sh. Jitender Singh, Ld. Counsel for applicant along with Adv Sh. Anil Sharma, Adv Meghanand and Adv Shashi Dhusmana.

1. This is an application for anticipatory bail filed on behalf of the applicant, Shila Kumari, who is the sister-in-law (jethani) of the deceased. Vide order dated 28.02.2026, interim protection was granted to the applicant, which has been continuing.

2. The present FIR was registered on 18.02.2026 under Sections 85/316(2)/80/3(5) BNS (corresponding to Sections 498A/406/304-B/34 IPC) on the complaint of the complainant, Yogeshwar Mehto. It is alleged that his daughter, Seema Kumari, was married to Mukesh Kumar on 11.03.2024. Within two months of the marriage, Mukesh Kumar allegedly began demanding dowry. The complainant claims to have spent approximately Rs.25 lakhs on the marriage, yet further demands of Rs.20 lakhs were made. It is further alleged that Mukesh Kumar used to physically assault the deceased after consuming alcohol and persistently demanded money. The complainant has stated that the deceased remained in a state of fear. It is further alleged that co-accused De-

vanti Devi informed the complainant about the death of his daughter. Upon reaching the hospital after calling the PCR, the complainant found that his daughter had already expired. Allegations have also been made against the present applicant Shila Kumari, along with other family members, including the mother-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law of the husband. It is further alleged that the deceased had, a few days prior to the incident, informed the complainant telephonically that co-accused Pinki and Devanti Devi were pressuring her husband to seek divorce on account of non-payment of money.

3. As per the reply filed by the Investigating Officer, the deceased, Seema Kumari, was found to have hanged herself from the ceiling fan in a room of her matrimonial home. By the time PCR officials arrived, she had already been shifted to Max Hospital, where she was declared “brought dead.” The crime team inspected the scene and collected exhibits. The statement of the complainant was recorded by the Executive Magistrate. The investigation, at this stage, indicates that the death was a case of suicide. The husband, Mukesh Kumar, has already been arrested and is in judicial custody.

4. One of the primary grounds urged in support of the present application is that the applicant resides in the same premises along with co-accused Devanti Devi and Dinesh Kumar; however, at the time of the incident, she was present at the residence of co-accused Pinki in Nangli Vihar Extension, Baprola, for a birthday celebration. It is further contended that the allegations against the applicant are general and omnibus in nature.

5. As per the supplementary reply filed by the Investigating Officer, it has been stated that the applicant Shila Kumari does not possess any mobile phone number.

6. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegations, the relationship of the applicant with the deceased, the fact that the husband is already in custody, the absence of any prior complaint regarding dowry demands against the applicant, and the fact that there is no likelihood of the applicant absconding or fleeing from justice, this Court is of the view that the applicant is entitled to the grant of anticipatory bail, subject to appropriate conditions.

7. Accordingly, the present application is allowed. It is directed that in the event of arrest, the applicant, Shila Kumari, shall be released on bail upon furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs30,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the concerned IO/SHO, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The applicant shall join the investigation as and when required by the Investigating Officer and shall cooperate with the investigation.
- ii. The applicant shall not directly or indirectly induce, threaten, or promise any person acquainted with the facts of the case.

iii. The applicant shall not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

iv. The applicant shall not tamper with evidence or influence witnesses in any manner.

8. It is clarified that any observations made herein are only for the purpose of deciding the present application and shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case.

9. The application stands disposed of accordingly. A copy of this order be given *dasti* to learned counsel for the parties as well as to the Investigating Officer.

(Samar Vishal)
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