



ITEM NO.6

COURT NO.14

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CRL.)
NO.8044/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 01-04-2026 in CRM No. 86545/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

SHIV NATH SHARMA @
SHIV NATH THAKUR & ORS. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION
IA No. 134374/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 05-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Md Shahid Anwar, Adv.
Mr. Mohd Bilal, Adv.
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Ms. Triveni Potekar, Adv.
Ms. Uzma, Adv.
Ms. Reeta, Adv.
M/S. S & S Legal, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Manish Kumar, AOR
Mr. Divyansh Mishra, Adv.
Mr. Kumar Saurav, Adv.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. The submission on behalf the petitioners is that they are all implicated because they are related to the husband of the deceased. Admittedly, the deceased died as a result of asphyxia due to hanging which is relatable to a suicide. Moreover, she died after seven years of her marriage, therefore, no benefit of presumption is available to the prosecution against the accused.

2. Having regard to the fact that the husband of the deceased is not before us, and, *prima facie*, it appears to be a case of suicide, we are of the view that the petitioners are entitled for protection during investigation.

3. Issue notice, returnable in six weeks.

4. Notice on behalf of State has been accepted by Mr. Manish Kumar, Advocate-on-Record.

5. In the meantime, it is provided that in the event the petitioners are arrested in connection with FIR No.376/2025 registered at P.S. Nautan, District Bettiah, Bihar, they shall be released on a personal bond of Rs. 25,000/- subject to an undertaking that they shall cooperate in the investigation and make themselves available for interrogation as and when required by the investigating agency. They shall also submit an undertaking that they will not threaten the witnesses or tamper the evidence.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)