

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.5797 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-155 Year-2025 Thana- DHORAIYA District- Banka

Sunita Devi, W/o Kedar Manjhi, Resident of village - Sitachak. P.S-
Dhoraiya, District- Banka

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sudhir Kumar Mishra, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Uday Chand Prasad, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SOURENDRA PANDEY
ORAL ORDER

4 20-05-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P. for the State through virtual mode.

2. Petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection with
Dhoraiya P.S. Case No. 155 of 2025, corresponding to G.R.
No.1572 of 2025, registered for the offences under Sections
103, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. As per the prosecution case, the informant has
alleged that he received a call from his son-in-law, who stated
that his daughter has locked herself inside the room and she is
not opening the doors and when he, along with his family,
reached there, he saw his daughter lying there in the courtyard
and he suspected that his daughter was killed by his father-in-
law and mother-in-law (petitioner).

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the



husband of the deceased has not been made an accused in this case and in fact the case has been lodged only against the father-in-law and mother-in-law (petitioner). It has further been submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case only on mere suspicion and no previous case of any demand of dowry or torture was ever reported. It has next been submitted that the post-mortem was conducted and it was found that the cause of death was asphyxia due to hanging and therefore, it is evident that the daughter-in-law of the petitioner has committed suicide and there was no external injury found on her body. It has also been submitted that the father-in-law of the deceased has been granted bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 20.04.2026 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 15344 of 2026.

5. Learned APP for the State has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions advanced on behalf of the parties, let the petitioner above named be released on anticipatory bail, in the event of arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/-(ten thousand) with two sureties of the like



amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Court below where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Dhoraiya P.S. Case No. 155 of 2025, corresponding to G.R. No.1572 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure read with corresponding Section 482(2) of B.N.S.S. as well as subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) One of the bailors of the petitioner shall be his close relative.
- (ii) The petitioner shall remain physically present in Court on each date of the trial.
- (iii) In case of absence on two consecutive dates, or in violation of the terms of the bail, the bail bond of the petitioner will be liable to be cancelled by the Court concerned.
- (iv) If the petitioner is found involved in similar nature of offence in future, the prosecution shall be at liberty to move for cancellation of his bail bond.
- (v) The learned Court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

7. Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail is allowed.



8. It is made clear that the observation, if any, made in
this order, shall be of no bearing during the trial.

(Sourendra Pandey, J)

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