

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.11082 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-267 Year-2025 Thana- KARJA District- Muzaffarpur

Sushila Devi wife of Bhadhyi Paswan Resident of village- Barkagaon, PS-
Karza, Dist- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Nachiketa Jha, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Bharat Bhushan, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY

ORAL ORDER

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Heard Mr. Nachiketa Jha, learned counsel for

the petitioner and Mr. Bharat Bhushan, learned APP representing
the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Karza P.S. Case No. 267 of 2025 registered for
the offence under Sections 80 of the B.N.S., lodged on
20.09.2025 by the informant, Kapal Paswan.

3. As per the prosecution story, the informant alleged
that her daughter was married to Chandan Kumar but was
tortured for dowry and on 19.09.2025, the news came about her
death as the accused managed to escape, the F.I.R.

4. In this case, the coordinate Bench had called for the
case diary as also postmortem report and learned counsel for the
petitioner submits that the cause of death has been recorded as
asphyxia due to hanging. She is an aged (68 years old) mother-
in-law having no role to play in the matter, living separately.



Further, the husband has already surrendered and in custody since 17.06.2026, the lady is ready to cooperate in investigation/trial.

5. The surrender certificate has been provided by the learned counsel for the petitioner, let the same be kept on record.

6. Learned APP opposes the prayer submitting that though the cause of death has been recorded as asphyxia due to hanging, the situation that led to the alleged suicide has to be taken into account.

7. Considering the submissions of the parties as also the cause of death as recorded above, the petitioner is the mother-in-law, 68 years old having no criminal antecedent, the husband is behind the bar and an undertaking has been given that she shall be diligently appearing in trial before the Trial Court, in that background, this Court is inclined to extend her the privilege of anticipatory bail.

8. Let the petitioner be released on bail in the event of arrest or surrender within a period of four weeks from the receipt of this order, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Muzaffarpur (West), in connection with Karza P.S. Case No. 267 of 2025 subject to the following conditions:-



(i) one of the bailor should be the family member/relative of the petitioner who shall provide official document (Aadhar Card/Voter Id/Driving License/Pan Card) to show his/her bona fide;

(ii) the petitioner shall be appearing before the Police Station as and when required for cooperating in the investigation;

(iii) the petitioner shall appear on each and every date before the Trial Court and failure to do so for two consecutive dates without plausible reason will entail cancellation of his/her bail bond by the Trial Court itself;

(iv) the petitioner shall in no way try to induce or promise or threat the witnesses or tamper with the evidences, failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of the bail bonds;

(v) the petitioner shall desist from committing any criminal offence again, failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of bail bonds.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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