IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.70303 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011021212026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-296 Year-2026 Thana- BAIKUNTHPUR District- Gopalganj

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1. Shivpati Devi @ Shivpatti Devi W/O Bhutan Ram R/O Village- Khajuhatti (Khajhati), P.s.- Baikunthpur, Dist.- Gopalganj
2. Bhutan Ram S/O Late Jaipal Ram R/O Village- Khajuhatti (Khajhati), P.s.- Baikunthpur, Dist.- Gopalganj

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Patna

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Lokesh Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Yogendra Kumar Singh, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRAVEEN KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

3 30-10-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The Petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Baikunthpur P.S. Case No. 296 of 2026 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 80 and 3(5) of the BNS.

3. As per the prosecution case, on 05.05.2026 the daughter of the informant was solemnized married with the co-accused Munna Kumar. After some time of the marriage, she was allegedly subjected to cruelty by the petitioners on account of non-fulfillment of the demand for dowry in the form of a four-wheeler. It has further been alleged that on 06.06.2026, the

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informant's daughter called her mother and informed her that she was being tortured on account of the demand for dowry. Thereafter, on 07.06.2026, the informant received information that his daughter had died. Upon reaching the place of occurrence, he found his daughter lying dead with a ligature mark around her neck.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have falsely been implicated in this case. It has further been submitted that the petitioners are mother-in-law and father-in-law of the deceased, and there are only general and omnibus allegations against them. Moreover, the petitioners were residing separately from the deceased and her husband and had no concern with their day-to-day affairs. It has also been submitted, with reference to the post-mortem report, that although a ligature mark was found on the neck of the deceased but the same was not opined to be the cause of death and the final opinion was kept reserved. It has further been submitted that the husband of the deceased is in judicial custody. Lastly, it has been submitted that the petitioners have clean criminal antecedent as stated in paragraph 3 of the bail petition.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed

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the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners.

6. Heard the parties and perused the record.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, particularly the fact that there are general and omnibus allegations against the petitioners, the viscera has been preserved and the final opinion regarding the cause of death is still awaited as well as the fact that the husband of the deceased is in judicial custody, let the above named petitioners, in the event of their arrest/surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be enlarged on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail-bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned, Gopalganj, in connection with Baikunthpur P.S. Case No. 296 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

8. Accordingly, the present application stands allowed.

(Praveen Kumar, J)

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