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Inside Shabnam's Village, Mercy Appeals Meet A Property Dispute

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Her aunt Fatima at Shabnam's house. (Pictures clicked on 19 February 2021)

CASE SUMMARY

Village	The case took place in Bawan Khedi, in Amroha district's Hasanpur tehsil.
Date of discovery	A villager recalled hearing screams from the house in the early hours of 15 April 2008.
Toxicology	Doctors found traces of diazepam in samples from six victims. The prosecution argued that Shabnam had drugged them.
Court rulings	A sessions court convicted Shabnam and Saleem of murder and sentenced them to death in 2010. The Supreme Court upheld the sentences in 2015.
Village opposition	Residents interviewed opposed the execution, and one said he feared Shabnam's son would be denied a share of the family property.

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