

IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE III,
DISTRICT:-GOPALGANJ (BIHAR)
Bail Petition No. 601 of 2026
(Arising out of Baikunthpur P.S. Case No. 259/2026)

In the matter of:-

Pradeep Puri @ Pradeep Kumar Puri, S/o Ramjee Puri.

:-----**Petitioner.**

Versus.

The State of Bihar

:-----**Opp. party.**

Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner :- Shri Aman Kumar, Adv.

Ld. Counsel for the State :- Shri Deo Vansh Giri, P.P.

Order with signature of the Court

06-08-2026

1. This bail application is preferred by above named petitioner who is in jail custody since 17.05.2026, in connection with Baikunthpur P.S. Case No. 259 of 2026 , for the offences punishable under Sections- 111(3), 111(4), 111(5), 318(4), 316(2), 178, 181 of B.N.S., is put up for hearing.
2. Heard Ld. Advocate for the petitioner as well as Ld. Addl. Public Prosecutor on behalf of the State.
3. As per FIR, prosecution case in brief is that informant Sanjay Kumar-1 has lodged Baikunthpur P.S. Case No. 259 of 2026 on 24.03.2026 against accused persons u/s 111(3), 111(4), 111(5), 318(4), 316(2), 178, 181 of B.N.S. It has been *inter alia* alleged that the informant Sanjay Kumar-1 (Sub-Inspector), presently posted at Baikunthpur Police Station, District Gopalganj. On 14.05.2026 at about 10:30 P.M., he along with Sub-Inspector Supriya Rani Patel, Sub-Inspector Sanjay Kumar-2, Assistant Sub-Inspector Mahesh Paswan and Assistant Sub-Inspector Birju Paswan along with police force proceeded on a special raid. At about 12:30 A.M., when they were present near Rajapatti Singh Chowk, the Station House Officer informed him that counterfeit currency notes were allegedly being manufactured at the residential house of one **Pradeep Puri**. He was directed to immediately proceed to the said place and conduct a raid and

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take necessary legal action after verification of the information received. In compliance with the aforesaid direction, he proceeded towards Village Sihansani along with the police team from Mahal Chowki. At about 01:20 A.M., a raid was conducted after duly surrounding the residential house of **Pradeep Puri** situated in Village Sihansani. Upon noticing the police force, certain persons present inside the house attempted to flee. With the assistance of the police personnel, all such persons were apprehended within the premises. Upon interrogation, they disclosed their name **Pradeep Puri**, Amit Kumar, Sudesh Kumar Suman, Kameshwar Rai, Nand Kishore Rai, Saurabh Kumar, Faisal Alam, Farhat Hussain. Upon interrogation, all the aforesaid persons disclosed that room situated on the right side of the entrance of **Pradeep Puri's** residential house contained a large quantity of currency notes, note-like papers and chemicals used for manufacturing counterfeit currency notes. The said information was immediately communicated to the Station House Officer. Thereafter, the Station House Officer arrived at the place of occurrence and, using his official mobile phone, conducted video-graphy and photography of the proceedings. A search of the house was conducted in the presence of the Station House Officer, Circle Officer, bank cashier and independent witnesses, resulted in the recovery of a currency note counting machine, chemical substances, large quantities of currency-sized papers, and 208 bundles containing ₹95,27,000/- in ₹500 denomination notes along with 10,776 note-sized papers and one counterfeit-like ₹500 note. Several mobile phones, a tablet, and two vehicles (Mahindra Scorpio and Maruti Swift) were also seized. Upon interrogation of all the apprehended persons regarding the aforesaid recovered articles, accused Amit Kumar

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disclosed that approximately one year ago, he was introduced to Mohd. Kamal Khan, Dilsher Khan, and Mohd. Zohaib Ali. Amit Kumar further stated that the aforesaid persons, acting in concert, induced him to participate in the illegal activity of manufacturing counterfeit currency notes. He further disclosed that Munna Khan used to keep all the materials required for counterfeiting currency notes at his house in association with Kamal Khan, Dilsher Khan and Zohaib Ali. Mohd. Ashfaq Ansari @ Suddu Khan is also involved in the said fraudulent and counterfeit currency racket. Amit Kumar further disclosed that Mohd. Kamal Khan had repeatedly demanded money from him on the pretext of arranging genuine currency notes. He stated that he had paid approximately ₹3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs) to Kamal Khan on two occasions. Thereafter, Kamal Khan associated him with the counterfeit currency manufacturing operation. Upon interrogation, the accused persons disclosed that they, along with their associate **Pradeep Puri**, had earlier met Mohd. Kamal Khan, Dilsher Khan and Mohd. Zohaib Ali at Gyaspal Hotel situated near Chhotni Chowk, Motihari. In their presence, an amount of ₹5,000/- each belonging to the deponents was purportedly "doubled" and ₹10,000/- was handed over to them. Since the money so received was not subsequently detected by the bank, they developed confidence in the said persons. Thereafter, after a few days, both the deponent and **Pradeep Puri** paid ₹5,00,000/- each to Mohd. Kamal Khan for the purpose of doubling the money. The deponent had come to the place of occurrence on the present date to collect the said amount. The grey coloured Maruti Swift car recovered during the raid belongs to him. During interrogation, **Pradeep Puri** stated that the earlier amount of

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₹5,000/- had been doubled and delivered in his presence by Mohd. Kamal Khan, Dilsher Khan and Mohd. Zohaib Ali at Gyaspal Hotel, Motihari. Upon gaining confidence, he had paid ₹5,00,000/- to the aforesaid persons for the purpose of doubling the money. Whenever he demanded the promised amount, the said persons kept avoiding payment. About fifteen days prior to the incident, Mohd. Kamal Khan and Mohd. Zohaib Ali informed him that one package containing approximately ₹1 crore in exchangeable currency was to arrive and assured him that, if arrangements for money were made, the amount would be doubled and delivered at his residence. In order to arrange the required money, he contacted his friend Kameshwar Rai, who in turn arranged funds through his relative Nand Kishore Rai. After arranging the money, negotiations were held with Mohd. Kamal Khan, Mohd. Zohaib Ali and Dilsher Khan. On the date of occurrence, acting at the instance of Mohd. Kamal Khan and Mohd. Zohaib Ali, Mohd. Farhat Hussain, Faisal Alam and Sudesh Kumar Suman arrived at his residence at about 9:30 P.M. Mohd. Kamal Khan and Mohd. Zohaib Ali informed him that they would arrive later. Thereafter, as disclosed by the persons sent by Mohd. Kamal Khan and Mohd. Zohaib Ali, they collectively prepared bundles by attaching paper cut in the size of currency notes along with genuine currency notes on the top and bottom of each bundle for the purpose of cheating and purported money doubling. In the meantime, the police suddenly conducted a raid at his residence, whereupon all the accused persons were apprehended along with the cash, note-like papers and chemical substances allegedly used for currency-note doubling. Thereafter, along with the apprehended accused persons and the seized articles, the police party departed from the place of

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occurrence at about 1:00 A.M. on 16.05.2026. The accused persons namely **Pradeep Puri**, Amit Kumar, Sudesh Kumar Suman, Kameshwarwar Rai, Nand Kishore Rai, Saurabh Kumar, Faisal Alam, Mohd. Farhat Hussain were apprehended. The accused persons namely Mohd. Kamal Khan, Dilsher Khan, Munna Khan, Mohd. Zohaib Ali, Mohd. Ashfaq Ansari @ Suddu Khan absconded. It has been alleged that all the aforesaid persons, acting as an organized criminal syndicate, were involved in counterfeiting currency notes, cheating innocent persons by falsely promising to double money, and possessing counterfeit currency notes. Subsequently, F.I.R. has been instituted.

4. It is *inter alia* submitted on behalf of petitioner that he is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. Ld. Advocate for the petitioner submitted that this is the first bail application filed on behalf of the petitioner previously no any other bail petition either anticipatory or regular application has been filed either before the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Patna or before this court prior to present one. In para no. 03 of the bail petition, it has been stated that the petitioner has got six criminal antecedents. The petitioner is quite innocent and has committed no offence as alleged in the FIR. The petitioner has been falsely implicated in this false case by the police on mere suspicion. It is further submitted that from perusal of F.I.R., it will transpires that petitioner is neither a member of organized crime syndicate nor he has harboured any person who committed offence of organized crime nor he has cheated any person by committed criminal breach of trust rather he has been cheated by the other accused persons. So no case U/s. 111(3), 111(4), 111(5), 318(4), 316(2), 178, 181 of B.N.S. is made out against the petitioner and

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there is also contradiction between F.I.R. and seizure list, besides police has not followed the mandatory provisions of law in regard to search and seizure. It is further submitted and filed such documents which was showing that his wife Ragni Devi was suffering from cancer stage-II and was undergoing treatment at Jay Prabha Medanta Super Specialty Hospital, Patna, under the Department of Oncology, under the care of Dr. Amit Kumar and Team. The petitioner is in jail custody since 17.05.2026. On such strength, prayer for bail has been made.

5. *Per contra*, Id. P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer of bail of the petitioner.
6. Having heard both the parties, I have gone through the case record along with case diary. From perusal of case record, it appears that Baikunthpur P.S. Case No. 259 of 2026 for the offences u/s- 111(3), 111(4), 111(5), 318(4), 316(2), 178, 181 of B.N.S. had been lodged against the accused persons. The petitioner is named in the F.I.R. It further appears that so far as the petitioner, Pradeep Puri, is concerned, he is the owner of the residential premises where the raid was conducted and from where the alleged counterfeit currency-related articles were recovered. It is further alleged that he had earlier paid ₹5,00,000/- to co-accused Mohd. Kamal Khan for purported doubling of money and had subsequently arranged funds through co-accused Kamesh Rai and Nand Kishore Rai. He is also alleged to have facilitated the transaction at his residence, where co-accused persons arrived and prepared bundles containing currency-sized paper cuttings and genuine currency notes for the purported purpose of cheating and money doubling. From perusal of case diary, it transpires that statement of informant recorded in para-4 and other witnesses

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examined vide para no. 5, 6, 7 & 8 of case diary have supported the prosecution version. Further, it appears that on the basis of confessional statement of co-accused which are mentioned in para no. 16 (Md. Farhat Hussain), 18 (Nand Kishor Rai), 19 (Sudesh Kumar), 20 (Kameshwar Rai) and 21 (Amit Kumar) of the case diary in which they were accepted the active involvement of accused petitioner in said crime. Further, it is evident vide in para no. **17 (Pradeep Puri)** of case diary accused petitioner himself accepted his involvement in commission of said crime. Further, Para no. 65 of the case diary shows that the investigation of this case is still going on against the petitioner.

- 7.** Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and nature of allegations against the petitioner, the petitioner does not deserve bail at this juncture and according his prayer for regular bail stand **rejected**.

Let a copy of this order be transmitted to Id. Court concerned forthwith and order be uploaded on C.I.S. immediately.

This order is dictated and corrected by me.

(Dictated)

(Rajendra Kumar Pandey)
Addl. Sessions Judge-III,
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