

**COURT OF 3<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT & ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, MUZAFFARPUR  
{A.B.P. No. 1363/2026 & A.B.P. No. 1486/2026}**

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**{A.B.P. No. 1363/2026}**

**Sandeep Kumar, aged about- 37 years, S/o- Devendra Jha, R/o Village-  
Tetariya, PS- Rajepur, Distt.-East Champaran.....Petitioner.**

**&**

**{A.B.P. No. 1486/2026}**

**Vipin Paswan, aged about 62 years, S/o- Surendra Paswan;  
R/o Village- Chhajan Gonu, PS- Kudhani, Distt.-Muzaffarpur.....Petitioner.**

**Vs**

**State of Bihar.....Opposite Party.**

**ORDER**

**21.05.2026.** As both the above anticipatory bail petitions (A.B.P. No. 1363/2026 & A.B.P. No. 1486/2026) have arisen from the same P.S. Case, they are being disposed of by this common order.

Both the applications for grant of anticipatory bail has been filed on behalf of petitioners named therein who apprehend their arrest in connection with Mithanpura P.S. Case No. 219/2023 registered for the offences punishable u/Ss 419, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120B of the I.P.C.

Heard Mr. Madhurendra Kumar, learned Advocate for the petitioner of A.B.P. No. 1363/2026 and Mr. Priya Ranjan, learned Advocate for the petitioner of A.B.P. No. 1486/2026 as well as Ms. Sangita Sahi, learned Addl. P.P. for the State.

The prosecution story, in short, is that petitioners were engaged as secrecy persons in connection with work relating to barcoding of answer-sheet of students of annual matriculation examination, 2023.

Allegation against them, in brief, is that in order to give benefit to a particular student named in the F.I.R., they in conspiracy with co-accused Prabhat Kumar affixed bar-code, meant for affixing on the answer-sheet of another student, on the answer-sheet of the student named in the F.I.R. and thereby, they frustrated the object of conducting free and fair examination B.S.E.B., Patna.

**Submission of Ld. Advocate on behalf of petitioner of A.B.P. No. 1363/2026**

Learned Advocate for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner is quite

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**Contd.....** innocent. He has no criminal antecedents and no bail application has been filed  
**21.05.2026** earlier on his behalf before either this court or the Hon'ble High Court, Patna.  
The learned advocate for the petitioner has submitted that no conspiracy or criminal agreement was entered into by the petitioner with the co-accused or beneficiary and he has no relation with them as he is a resident of another district. It is further submitted that he merely discharged his official duty honestly to the best of knowledge and without any greed. It has been also submitted that the F.I.R. has been lodged after an unexplained delay of more than six months and there is no material evidence against him. Hence, he may be granted anticipatory bail.

**Submission of Ld. Advocate on behalf of petitioner of A.B.P. No. 1486/2026**

Learned Advocate for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner is quite innocent. He has no criminal history and no bail application has been filed earlier on his behalf before either this court or the Hon'ble High Court, Patna. Allegation against him is totally false. He neither prepared nor used any forged document and had no connection or conspiracy with the co-accused. There is no evidence regarding petitioner getting any undue benefit or illegal gain. It is further submitted that he only performed his official duty and did not intentionally alter any bar code sticker. Hence, no offence is made out against him. Therefore, he may be granted anticipatory bail.

On the other hand, learned Addl. P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail of both the petitioners.

Perused certified copy of the F.I.R. and copy of case diary.

Having heard learned advocates from both sides and perused the documents mentioned above, this court finds that the investigation in the case is still continuing and allegations against the petitioners are serious as they have allegedly impaired the result of the matriculation examination, 2023 for benefiting a particular student named in the F.I.R., which has been lodged after enquiry on the written application of a senior officer of the District.

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**Contd.....** Therefore, considering the nature of allegation against the petitioners and  
**21.05.2026** other facts discussed above, this court is not inclined to grant petitioner of A.B.P.  
No. 1363/2026 namely **Sandeep Kumar & petitioner of A.B.P. No. 1486/2026**  
**namely Vipin Paswan** anticipatory bail.

Hence, their anticipatory bail petitions are hereby **rejected**.

Let a copy of this order be forwarded to the court of court no. 17 of  
J.M.1<sup>st</sup>, Muzaffarpur (West) for information and the needful.

Dictated  
Sd/-  
(Awdesb Kumar)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Addl. Sessions Judge  
Muzaffarpur