

IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT & ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE - Ist NALANDA

Present:- Namita Singh, District & Addl. Sessions Judge - Ist Nalanda at Biharsharif.

A.B.P. No.- 944/26

(Arising out of Ben P.S Case No.- 80 of 2025)

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<i>Date of order of proceeding</i>	<i>Order with the signature of the court</i>	<i>Office action taken with date</i>
<u>26.05.2026</u>	This anticipatory bail application has been filed on behalf of the petitioner namely (1) Shiv Kumar Chauhan, S/o Dukhan Jamadar, R/o Village – Shahari, P.S.- Ben, Dist – Nalanda, who is apprehending his arrest in connection with Ben P.S. Case No. 80/2025, registered u/s 191(2), 190, 126(2), 115(2), 74, 303(2), 352, 351(2) of BNS. Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner, submitted that an earlier anticipatory bail application filed on behalf of the petitioner before this Court was rejected and thereafter the petition filed. before the Hon'ble High Court at Patna was dismissed as withdrawn. Copy of order dated 15.04.2026 in Criminal Miscellaneous 69799 of 2025 confirms this. Learned counsel further submitted that subsequently, a joint compromise petition along with a petition seeking permission has already been filed before the learned court below and, in view thereof, the petitioner is renewing the present anticipatory bail application seeking the privilege of anticipatory bail. It was further submitted that the prosecution case is wholly false, fabricated and maliciously instituted and that there is not an iota of truth in the allegations levelled against the petitioner. Learned counsel lastly submitted that the provisions of Section 109 of the B.N.S. are not attracted to the facts and circumstances of the present case. Learned counsel fairly conceded that Ben P.S. Case No. 75 of 2025 and the present case arise out of the very same occurrence. It was further submitted that another case bearing Ben P.S. Case No. 75 of 2025 is also pending against the petitioner, as disclosed in paragraph-3 of the	

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