

**IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA**

**Anticipatory Bail Petition No.836 of 2026.**

**Pankaj Kumar**

..... **Petitioner.**

**Versus**

**The State of Bihar**

**Order  
No.**

**Date**

**O R D E R**

**02      25-02-2026**

- 1.** The **petitioner, Pankaj Kumar**, apprehends arrest in connection with **Shastri Nagar P.S. Case No. 84 of 2026**, registered for offences under Sections 305, 332(c) read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).
- 2.** The prosecution case, in brief, as per the informant Arif Seraj, is that painting and denting work was being carried out in his house by the petitioner as well as co-accused Vikas. It is alleged that on 19.01.2026, between 11:30 AM and 12:00 PM, his domestic helper, Kiran Devi, caught both of them opening a drawer. Both men apologized to Kiran and told her not to mention it to anyone. At night, when the informant's wife checked the cupboard, she discovered that one gold set and one gold ring (valued at approximately Rs.3,00,000/-) were missing. Additionally, Rs.72,000/- were missing from his maternal aunt's cupboard during the course of the same work.
- 3.** Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the only non-bailable offence for which the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail is under Section 305 of the BNS, which carries a maximum punishment of seven years' imprisonment and is triable by a Magistrate. It is further submitted that from bare perusal of the FIR, it would be apparent that the petitioner has been implicated merely on the basis of suspicion as a domestic help namely Kiran Devi of the informant Arif Seraj, did not see the petitioner as well as co-accused Vikas, stealing the articles alleged to have been stolen. It is next submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated merely on the basis of suspicion as the petitioner and co-accused Vikas was doing painting work in the house of the informant. The

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petitioner is also stated to have clean criminal antecedent.

4. For better appreciation of this anticipatory bail petition, office is directed to **call for case diary** along with criminal antecedent of accused-petitioner from I.O of the case.
5. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for interim protection from arrest.
6. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case; nature of offence i.e. severity of punishment in the event of conviction; nature of accusation against the petitioner i.e. merely suspicion; submission of learned counsel for the petitioner; and clean criminal antecedent of the petitioner; ***interim protection*** from arrest is granted to the above-named petitioner ***till next date*** in connection with **Shastri Nagar P.S. Case No. 84 of 2026**. However, the petitioner is directed to cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall make himself available as and when required by the police.
7. Put up this case on 12.03.2026.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Rupesh Deo)  
Sessions Judge, Patna

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