

IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA

Anticipatory Bail Petition No.1420 of 2026.

Vikash Kumar

..... **Petitioner.**

Versus

The State of Bihar

**Order
No.**

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- 1.** The **petitioner, Vikash 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 Pankaj Kumar. 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 itself it would be apparent that the informant himself has not seen the petitioner as well as co-accused Pankaj Kumar, rather he has been told by his domestic help Kiran Devi, that too belatedly. Moreover, nothing has been recovered from the petitioner or the co-accused Pankaj. It is next submitted that another similarly situated co-accused Pankaj Kumar has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 25.03.2026 passed in A.B.P

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No.836/2026. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that he shall be filed a supplementary affidavit with regard to para 2 of the anticipatory bail application on the next date. Furthermore, the petitioner has 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; submissions 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 21.04.2026.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Rupesh Deo)
Sessions Judge, Patna

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