

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

**Bail Petition No.1286 of 2026.**

**Prem Kumar Singh**

..... **Petitioner.**

**Versus**

**The State of Bihar**

**Order**      **Date**  
**No.**  
**06**      **30-05-2026**

**O R D E R**

- 1.** The petitioner, Prem Kumar Singh, who is in custody since **20.04.2026**, seeks bail in anticipation of his arrest in connection with **Rajiv Nagar P.S. Case No. 119 of 2026**, instituted for offences under Sections 316(2), 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) as well as Section 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881.
- 2.** Heard Sri Munna Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Rajesh Kumar, learned Public Prosecutor for the State.
- 3.** The prosecution case is that the petitioner along with co-accused Rahul Kalra, Anil Kalra, Kamal Kishore Prasad, Ranjeet Kumar Jha and Usha Prasad introduced themselves as Directors of Rondella Laundromat Private Limited, operating multiple laundry outlets under the brand name "Washing Express." They requested supply of laundry-related materials for their business, and based on their representations, the informant began supplying goods. Initially, payments were made, thereby earning his trust. However, between 22.04.2025 and 27.12.2025, goods worth approximately Rs. 11,00,000/- were procured without payment. When pressed for settlement, the accused issued a cheque bearing No. 000036 dated 18.08.2025, drawn on ICICI Bank, for Rs. 3,00,000/-, which was dishonoured on 19.08.2025 due to insufficient funds. Despite repeated assurances of payment, no settlement was made. Communication continued through calls and WhatsApp messages until 31.12.2025, after which the accused switched off their phones. On visiting their office at 28/ A, Sri Krishna Puri, P.S. Buddha Colony, Patna, the informant discovered that the premises had been vacated. On 29.01.2026, he further learned that the accused had defrauded several others and absconded. It also came to light that Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 780 of 2025 and other similar cases had already been registered against them. The informant thus asserts that the accused, through deliberate misrepresentation and concealment, dishonestly misappropriated his money and cheated him.
- 4.** Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the only non-bailable offences alleged are under Sections 316(2) and 318(4) of the BNS, which

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carry a maximum punishment of seven years and are triable by a Magistrate of the First Class. It is further contended that the primary allegations concern co-accused Rahul Kalra, who is said to have received the money, and the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. It is next submitted that, it is settled principle of law that a director of a company cannot be made an accused in a case where the company is not an accused. The same being case in the present case, no vicarious criminal liability can be fixed upon the petitioner. Learned counsel also acknowledges that the petitioner has five criminal antecedents: (i) Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 201 of 2026, (ii) Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 214 of 2026, (iii) Patliputra P.S. Case No. 68 of 2026, (iv) Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 52 of 2026 and (v) S.K Puri P.S. Case No. 118 of 2026.

5. The Learned Public Prosecutor opposes the bail application, submitting that the offence was committed in an organized manner, involving multiple accused persons, and that several victims have been defrauded. He further points out that witnesses have supported the prosecution case, the investigation is going on, and the charge sheet has yet to be filed.
6. Considering the above facts and circumstances; nature of offence i.e. severity of punishment in the event of conviction; that the offences have committed in an organized manner; five criminal antecedents of similar nature linked to Rahul Kalra and *M/S Washing Xpress*; and investigation is going on and charge sheet is yet to be submitted, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. The application is, therefore, ***rejected.***

**(Dictated)**

**Sd/-**

**(Rupesh Deo)**

**Sessions Judge, Patna**

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