

IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA

Anticipatory Bail Petition No.1422 of 2026.

Ravi Prakash

..... **Petitioner.**

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The State of Bihar

**Order
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- 1.** The **petitioner, Ravi Prakash**, seeks anticipatory bail in connection with **Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 11 of 2026**, registered under Section 316(2), 318(4), read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).
- 2.** Heard Sri Nikesh Sinha, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Rajesh Kumar, learned Public Prosecutor for the State as well as Dr. Abhishek Priyadarshi, learned counsel for the informant.
- 3.** According to the prosecution, based on the complaint lodged by Anand Kishore, Seema Kumari, and Firoz Ahmad, it is alleged that the petitioner, along with co-accused Rahul Kalra, Ruchika Prakash Kalra, Achin Kalra, Anil Kalra, Kamal Kishore Prasad, Usha Prasad, and Ranjeet Kumar Jha, floated a company under the name *Washing Xpress Roundvella Laundromat Pvt. Ltd.* They allegedly induced individuals to invest money under the pretext of franchise opportunities and investment schemes. A sum of Rs. 5,90,000/- was collected as franchise fees from various persons. The complainants' investments are stated to be, Anand Kishore - Rs. 31,00,000/-, Ranjeet Kumar Sinha/Seema Kumari - Rs. 26,40,000/-, and Firoz Ahmad - Rs. 50,00,000/-. However, after receiving these amounts, the accused neither provided the promised franchises nor refunded the money, thereby cheating and misappropriating the complainants' funds.
- 4.** Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the only non-bailable offences invoked are under Sections 316(2) and 318(4) of the BNS, which carry a maximum punishment of seven years and are triable by a Magistrate of the First Class. It is further argued that the FIR contains general and omnibus allegations against all accused, merely stating that the complainants invested the said amounts for franchises. The petitioner's implication is said to stem solely from his relationship as the brother-in-law of co-accused Rahul Kalra. A supplementary affidavit reveals that the petitioner has three prior criminal antecedents namely,

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Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 200 of 2026, Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 201 of 2026, and Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 214 of 2026, all involving similar allegations linked to Rahul Kalra and *M/S Washing Xpress*.

5. The Learned Public Prosecutor for the State ably assisted by learned counsel for the informant opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail, submitting that the offence was committed in an organized manner, affecting numerous persons, and that witnesses have supported the prosecution case. Hence, the petitioner does not deserve anticipatory bail.
6. Learned counsel for the informant also filed some documents showing that the petitioner is a Director of a sister concern, *Vasuprada Laundromat Pvt. Ltd.*, based in Ranchi. This fact was concealed from the Court, as the petitioner claimed in paragraph 9 of his bail application that he has been residing in Delhi since 2007, engaged in private employment. It is also submitted, though without documentary proof, that the petitioner has received Rs. 34 lakhs through banking channels.
7. Considering the above facts and circumstances; that the offence appears to have been committed in an organized manner; three prior criminal antecedents namely, Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 200 of 2026, Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 201 of 2026, and Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 214 of 2026, all involving similar allegations linked to Rahul Kalra and *M/S Washing Xpress*; that investigation is going on and that the charge sheet is yet to be filed, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the application stands ***rejected***.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Rupesh Deo)
Sessions Judge, Patna

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