

IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA

Anticipatory Bail Petition No.1428 of 2026.

1. Alok Ranjan

2. Sweta @ Sweta Ranjan **Petitioners.**

Versus

The State of Bihar

**Order
No.**

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1. The **petitioners, a married couple**, apprehend arrest in connection with **Patliputra P.S. Case No. 68 of 2026**, registered under Sections 316(2), 316(5), 318(4), 351(2), 352 read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).
2. As per the prosecution, based on the complaint of Amitabh Sohan, one Kamal Kishore Prasad, an acquaintance and long-standing client of the informant, visited his residence along with others. He represented that he had established two companies: Rondella Laundromat Private Limited (2017) and Rondella Marketing Private Limited (2019), engaged respectively in dry cleaning and food services under the brand names "Washing Express" and "Health Express." He further stated that the businesses were managed by his family members and associates, including the petitioners and co-accused Rahul Kalra, Ruchika Kalra, Usha Prasad, Anil Kumar Kalra, Prem Kumar Singh, and Ranjeet Kumar Jha. Kamal Kishore Prasad induced the informant to invest in the expansion of these businesses, assuring repayment within six months. Initially reluctant, the informant eventually agreed after repeated assurances and presentation of documents. On 15.09.2023, he issued three cheques in favour of co-accused Rahul Kalra, Anil Kumar Kalra, and Ranjeet Kumar Jha. Subsequently, he transferred a total of Rs.63,00,000 via cheque and RTGS to various accused persons and also paid Rs.17,25,000 in cash, amounting to Rs.80,00,000 in all. On 21.12.2023, the accused executed written documents acknowledging the liability, countersigned by Rahul Kalra. However, despite the lapse of time, repayment was avoided, and the accused began distancing themselves. On 04.01.2026, when approached, Prasad assured repayment within 10-12 days, but on 10.01.2026, Rahul Kalra allegedly threatened the informant not to pursue the matter. Despite repeated requests, no repayment has been made, nor any intention shown to do so. The accused are thus alleged to have dishonestly induced the

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informant to part with a substantial sum, committing offences of cheating, criminal breach of trust, and conspiracy.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the only non-bailable offences invoked are under Sections 316(2), 316(5), and 318(4) of the BNS, which carry a maximum punishment of life imprisonment. It is further argued that although the petitioners are named in the FIR, no specific role has been attributed to them. Their implication arises merely from petitioner No.2 being the sister-in-law of co-accused Rahul Kalra, and petitioner No.1 being her husband. The petitioners are also stated to have a clean criminal record.
4. For a proper consideration of the anticipatory bail application, the office is directed to **call for the case diary** along with details of the petitioners criminal antecedent from the Investigating Officer.
5. At this juncture, learned counsel for the petitioners seeks interim protection from arrest pending further proceedings.
6. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case; the submissions advanced on behalf of the petitioners; and the petitioners' clean antecedent, ***interim protection from arrest is granted*** to the petitioner in **Patliputra P.S. Case No. 68 of 2026 until the next date** of hearing. The petitioners are directed to cooperate with the Investigating Officer and remain available whenever required by the police.
7. List this matter on 21.04.2026.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Rupesh Deo)
Sessions Judge, Patna

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