

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. Heard Sri Navin Prakash, learned counsel for the petitioners and Sri Rajesh Kumar, learned Public Prosecutor for the State as well as Sri Vijay Kumar Sinha, learned counsel for the informant.
3. 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

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

4. 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.
5. The Learned Public Prosecutor for the State ably assisted by learned counsel for the informant oppose 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. Considering the above facts and circumstances; the nature and gravity of the offence, the severity of punishment upon conviction; that the offence appears to have been committed in an organized manner; 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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