

IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA

Anticipatory Bail Petition No.1679 of 2026.

1. Alok Raj

2. Manish Yadav

..... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Bihar

Order
No.

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ORDER

02 23-04-2026

1. The two petitioners, Alok Raj and Manish Yadav seek anticipatory bail in connection with **Shastri Nagar P.S. Case No. 285/2026**, registered under Sections 115(2), 126(2), 127(2), 308(3), 308(5), 351(2), 352 read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).
2. The prosecution case in brief is that the informant, Ajit Kumar, approached a firm named *Arthav Legal Services*, located within the jurisdiction of Shastri Nagar Police Station, seeking professional assistance. In February 2020, he came into contact the co-accused, Chaitanya Krishna, who allegedly induced him to pay Rs. 5,000/- on the pretext of completing certain work. After receiving the money, the co-accused Chaitanya Krishna avoided the informant and failed to perform the promised task, thereby cheating him.
3. On 02.04.2026, at about 8:20 PM, when the informant contacted the co-accused over phone demanding either completion of the work or refund of the money, the co-accused Chaitanya Krishna allegedly abused him and threatened to kill him. The following day, on 03.04.2026, the informant, accompanied by his friend Pankaj Kumar, went to the said office to confront him. It is alleged that the co-accused Chaitanya Krishna, along with the petitioners, acting in furtherance of their common intention, misbehaved with them, snatched their mobile phones, and switched off the CCTV cameras.
4. The victims were allegedly wrongfully confined and brutally assaulted for nearly two hours with weapons, causing both physical injuries and psychological trauma. The accused are further said to have abused and threatened them with dire consequences,

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attempted to outrage their modesty by compelling them to perform indecent acts, and forcibly took their Aadhaar cards while coercing them to sign blank papers under threat of a country-made pistol.

5. It is further alleged that the accused demanded Rs. 10,000/- for the return of their mobile phones and humiliated them by forcing them to remove their shirts and perform obscene acts. They also attempted to make the victims consume intoxicating substances and continued the assault. Ultimately, after extorting Rs. 2,000/- from Pankaj Kumar, the accused returned the mobile phones but warned them not to report the incident. They allegedly forced the victims to pose with weapons, took photographs, and threatened to create and circulate morphed obscene content using AI.
6. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the only non-bailable offence alleged is under Section 308(5) BNS, which carries a maximum sentence of ten years. It is argued that the petitioners have been falsely implicated.
7. It is contended that the informant was employed as an Office Attendant in the firm of the co-accused Chaitanya Krishna and had access to confidential records, client details, electronic data, the office computer, WhatsApp Web, and financial dealings of the firm. During the course of his engagement, the informant allegedly indulged in serious financial irregularities, misappropriation of documents and electronic records, misuse of office systems, and was even found engaging in illegal activities while at work.
8. Upon discovery of such misconduct, the co-accused immediately terminated the informant's services and warned him of appropriate legal action. On the very same day, with mala fide intent to take revenge and to pressurize the co-accused, the informant lodged the present case, levelling highly exaggerated and absurd allegations in collusion with the police. Further, the petitioner no.2 is a disabled person and he is unable to move anywhere without the help of anyone. The petitioners are further stated to have a

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clean criminal record.

9. For a proper consideration of this anticipatory bail application, the office is directed to **call for the case diary** along with the petitioner's criminal antecedents from the Investigating Officer.
10. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners prays for interim protection from arrest.
11. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case; the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioners more particularly the defence; and the petitioners' clean antecedents, ***interim protection from arrest*** is granted to the petitioner in connection with **Shastri Nagar P.S. Case No. 285/2026 until the next date** of hearing. The petitioners are, however, directed to cooperate with the Investigating Officer and remain available whenever required by the police.
12. Re-list this case on 28.04.2026 along with A.B.P. No.1509/2026 for further consideration.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Pramod Kumar Yadav)
I/c Sessions Judge, Patna

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