

IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA

Anticipatory Bail Petition No.1777 of 2026.

Usha Prasad

..... **Petitioner.**

Versus
The State of Bihar

**Order
No.**

Date

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02 30-04-2026

- 1.** The **petitioner, Usha Prasad**, apprehends arrest in connection with **Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 11 of 2026**, registered under Sections 316(2), 318(4) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).
- 2.** 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, Ravi Prakash, Kamal Kishore Prasad, and Ranjeet Kumar Jha, established a company under the name *Washing Xpress Roundvella Laundromat Pvt. Ltd.*. They purportedly induced individuals to invest money under the guise of investment schemes and franchise opportunities. A sum of Rs.5,90,000/- was collected from various persons in the name of franchise fees. The complainants' total 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 investments, thereby cheating the complainants and misappropriating their hard-earned money.
- 3.** 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 prescribe a maximum punishment of seven years imprisonment and are triable by a Magistrate of the First Class. It is further contended that a bare perusal of the FIR reveals that the allegations against the petitioner and the seven co-accused are general and omnibus in nature, merely stating that the complainants invested Rs.31,00,000/-, Rs.26,40,000/-, and Rs.50,00,000/- respectively towards obtaining franchises. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contended that primarily the accusation is directed towards co-accused Rahul Kalra, who is alleged to have received money and the petitioner has been implicated merely because she is mother-in-law of said co-accused. Furthermore,

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the petitioner is a an old woman aged 70 years. It is next submitted that the petitioner has three criminal antecedents being (i) Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No.52 of 2026, (ii) Rajiv Nagar P.S. Case No.119/2026 and (iii) Patliputra P.S Case No.68 of 2026, all related to similar allegation involving co-accused Rahul Kalra and the company *M/S Washing Xpress Roundvella Laundromat Pvt. Ltd.*

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 petitioner's criminal antecedent from the Investigating Officer.
5. At this juncture, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks interim protection from arrest pending further proceedings.
6. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case; nature of offence i.e. severity of punishment in the event of conviction; and the submissions advanced on behalf of the petitioner including the submission with regard to criminal antecedent, ***interim protection from arrest is granted*** to the petitioner in **Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 11 of 2026 until the next date** of hearing. The petitioner is directed to cooperate with the Investigating Officer and remain available whenever required by the police.
7. List this matter on 05.05.2026 along with A.B.P No.1717/2026.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Rupesh Deo)
Sessions Judge, Patna

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