

IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA

Anticipatory Bail Petition No.1778 of 2026.

Usha Prasad

..... **Petitioner.**

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The State of Bihar

**Order
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- 1.** The **petitioner Usha Prasad** apprehends 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 Nikesh Sinha, learned counsel for the petitioner 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 petitioner and co-accused Rahul Kalra, Ruchika Kalra, Kamal Kishore Prasad, Anil Kumar Kalra, Prem Kumar Singh, and Ranjeet Kumar Jha. Alok Ranjan, Sweta @ Sweta Ranjan 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, co-accused Kamal Kishore 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.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner 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. 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, the petitioner is a woman aged 70 years. It is next submitted that the petitioner has three criminal antecedents being (i) Gandhi Maidan P.S Case No.11 of 2026, (ii) Rajiv Nagar P.S. Case No.119/2026 and (iii) Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No.52 of 2026, all related to similar allegation involving co-accused Rahul Kalra and the company *M/S Washing Xpress*.
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; three prior criminal antecedents 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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