

IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA

Anticipatory Bail Petition No.2596 of 2026.

Ranjan Kumar

..... **Petitioner.**

Versus
The State of Bihar

**Order
No.**

Date

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02 16-06-2026

1. The **petitioner, Ranjan Kumar**, seeks anticipatory bail in connection with **Patliputra P.S. Case No. 285 of 2026**, registered under Sections 115(2), 126(2), 132, 303(2), 324(3), 351(2), 352 read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).
2. The prosecution case, as alleged by the informant Siddharth Kumar Rai, a postman posted at Patliputra Post Office, Patna, is that the incident occurred on 03.06.2026 at about 1:45 PM. After completing the distribution of postal articles, he was preparing the delivery accounts when the petitioner, Ranjan Kumar, arrived at the post office to enquire about a postal article addressed to another individual. Upon verification through the computer system, the informant informed him that the article had already been delivered on 01.06.2026. This allegedly enraged the petitioner, who began abusing the informant, insisting that he had not received the article. The informant clarified that he was not the postman for that delivery area and advised the petitioner to contact the concerned postman, whose mobile number was displayed on the office notice board.

It is alleged that the petitioner then became more aggressive, abused the informant further, grabbed his collar, pushed him, and assaulted him. He allegedly snatched the delivery slip from the informant and tore it, thereby obstructing him in the discharge of his official duties. The petitioner is also accused of forcibly removing a gold chain from the informant's neck. Furthermore, he allegedly made phone calls to summon his brother and three to four unknown persons to the post office. Together, they are said to have threatened the informant and other staff members, declaring that they would shoot and beat them one by one if they stepped outside. The accused persons allegedly continued issuing threats

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of murder while hurling abuses. Out of fear, the informant retreated upstairs to a room. A call was then made to the police via Dial 112. Even after the police arrived, the petitioner's younger brother allegedly continued using abusive language. The informant claims that due to the assault, he suffered severe chest pain and difficulty in breathing. He further stated that if such acts are permitted to continue, government employees would be unable to perform their duties, and his life remains under threat from the accused persons.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the only non-bailable offence invoked is Section 303(2) of the BNS, which prescribes a maximum punishment of five years' imprisonment and is triable by a Magistrate. It is further submitted that the present case has been instituted as a counterblast to Patliputra P.S. Case No. 284/2026, which had earlier been filed by the petitioner. The dispute arose from a scuffle between the petitioner and the informant at the post office, where the petitioner had gone to enquire about an important consignment he was expecting. Learned counsel argues that the petitioner has been falsely implicated, as it was the informant who assaulted him, resulting in the petitioner's finger being dislocated, for which he had already lodged the earlier case. Moreover, the petitioner is stated to have clean antecedent.
4. For a better appreciation of this anticipatory bail application, office is directed to **requisition the case diary** and the criminal antecedent of the accused-petitioner from the Investigating Officer.
5. At this juncture, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for interim protection against arrest.
6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case; the nature of the offences, the extent of punishment prescribed upon conviction; the submissions advanced on behalf of petitioner; and clean criminal antecedent of the petitioner, ***interim protection from arrest is granted to the petitioner until the next date of***

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hearing in Patliputra P.S. Case No. 285 of 2026. The petitioner is, however, directed to cooperate with the Investigating Officer and remain available whenever required by the police.

7. Re-notify this case on 03.07.2026.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Rupesh Deo)
Sessions Judge, Patna

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Date of Reserving Order	NA
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