

IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, PATNA

Anticipatory Bail Petition No.2818 of 2026.

Rajeev Kumar @ Raju

..... **Petitioner.**

Versus

The State of Bihar

Order **Date**
No.
03 **13-07-2026**

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1. The **petitioner Rajeev Kumar @ Raju**, seek anticipatory bail in connection with **Kotwali P.S. Case No. 420 of 2026**, registered under Sections 406 and 420 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
2. Prosecution story, as per the written report, is that the informant Anand Pandit is engaged in the marble and tile fitting business, came into contact with accused Shridhar Pathak. Pathak allegedly introduced himself as a chartered accountant and proprietor of *New Era Trading House*, a firm purportedly engaged in share market trading and recognized by SEBI. He is said to have induced the informant and his wife to invest in the firm by promising a 100% return within a short period.

It is further alleged that petitioner Rajiv Kumar @ Raju resided with co-accused Shridhar Pathak, and both frequently visited the informant's home and office. Relying on their assurances, the informant and his wife invested approximately ₹1.72 crore between June and September 2024, ₹82 lakh through bank transfers to *New Era Trading House* and ₹90 lakh in cash. The accused allegedly failed to return the money, closed their office, switched off their phones, and absconded. The informant later discovered that several others had been defrauded in a similar manner. Further, when the informant and his wife visited co-accused Shridhar Pathak's residence to demand repayment, co-accused Vidyadhar Pathak allegedly threatened them with dire consequences, while his wife threatened to kill them. It is also alleged that the accused changed the firm's name and GST registration to continue operations under *Angel Earning Finance*.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the only non-bailable offences involved are under Sections 406 and 420 IPC,

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carrying a maximum sentence of seven years and triable by a Magistrate. He argues that the primary allegations concern co-accused Shridhar Pathak, while the petitioner has been implicated merely because he is a staff of *New Era Trading House* of prime accused Shri Dhar Pathak who is the proprietor. It is further submitted petitioner has clean criminal antecedents.

4. For a better appreciation of this anticipatory bail application, office is directed to **call for case diary** along with criminal antecedent of accused-petitioner from I.O of the case.
5. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks interim protection from arrest.
6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case; the nature of the offences and the punishment prescribed; nature of accusation against the petitioner; and the submissions advanced on behalf of the petitioner; and clean criminal antecedent ***interim protection from arrest is granted to them until the next date*** of hearing in connection with **Kotwali P.S. Case No.420 of 2026**. The petitioner is, however, directed to cooperate with the Investigating Officer and remain available whenever required by the police.
7. Put up this case on 20.07.2026.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Rupesh Deo)
Sessions Judge, Patna

Date of Order	13-07-2026
Date of Reserving Order	NA
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