

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**
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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. Heard Sri Yashvardhan Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Rajesh Kumar, learned Public Prosecutor for the State.
3. Prosecution story, as per the written report is that the informant Anand Pandit who 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*.

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4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the only non-bailable offences involved are under Sections 406 and 420 IPC, 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.
5. The learned Public Prosecutor opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners. He further submits that petitioner Rajeev Kumar @ Raju has been specifically alleged that he was residing with co-accused Shridhar Pathak and along with him, frequently visited the informant's residence and office. It was during such visits that the petitioner allegedly participated in inducing the informant and his wife to part with a substantial amount of approximately Rs. 1.72 crore on the assurance of lucrative and guaranteed returns from the business of *New Era Trading House*.
6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of accusation against the petitioner, rival submissions of both the parties and specific role attributed by the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the application stands ***rejected***.

(Dictated)

Sd/-

(Anamika T.)

Sessions Judge, Patna

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