IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.56397 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC010684272026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-11 Year-2026 Thana- GANDHIMAIDAN District- Patna

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Ravi Prakash S/o Shri K.K. Prasad R/o House no. 111, Second Floor, in front of Park no. 2, Road no. 22, Shrikrishna Nagar, P.S.- Buddha Colony, Town and Distt.- Patna

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Bindeswari Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Rajendra Nath Jha, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

4 04-11-2026 Heard learned Advocate for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection with Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 11 of 2026, registered for the offenses punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4), 3(5) of the B.N.S.

3. The accused persons including the petitioner was running a private company, M/s Washing Express, Raundella Laundromat Pvt. Ltd., where the informant and others alleged to have invested huge money, but was cheated as no return was made to him. It is further alleged that the petitioner along with others duped the persons and siphoned off crores of rupees.

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4. Learned Advocate for the petitioner submitted that even as per the FIR and the materials available on record, it is the admitted position that the petitioner is not the office bearer of the company where the informant made his investment along with other persons. Only on account of the petitioner being brother-in-law of the main accused Rahul Kalra, who is said to be Managing Director of the aforesaid company, his name has been implicated in this case. It is further argued that so far Rahul Kalra is concerned, he is languishing in jail and the petitioner has no concern with the affairs of the company. The petitioner, after having passed MBA from Bengaluru, is presently working in New Delhi as a business advisor in a reputed company. In relation to the incidence, several FIRs have been instituted, and in many of the cases, the petitioner has been made accused along with other co-accused persons without there being any cogent materials. The cases which have been reflected in paragraph no. 3 of the bail application is also outcome of such incidents. The co-accused namely Smt. Usha Prasad, who is said to be mother-in-law of Rahul Kalra, has also been made accused in the case, however she has been extended the privilege of anticipatory bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in Criminal Miscellaneous No. 46509 of 2026 by order dated

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29.07.2026, the copy of which has been placed on record. It is also argued that the petitioner has nothing to do with Vasuprada Laundromat Pvt. Ltd., which company is said to be a sister concern of M/s Washing Express.

5. On the other hand, learned Advocate for the State vehemently opposes the bail application and submits that the petitioner along with other co-accused persons, by hatching a criminal conspiracy, has duped innocent persons and siphoned their money more than crores of rupees and as such, on this score alone, the petitioner does not deserve anticipatory bail.

6. Considering the rival submissions advanced by learned Advocate for the respective parties and taking note of the fact that the petitioner is neither the office bearer of the company in question nor any incriminating material has collected during the course of investigation which prima facie suggests the complicity of the petitioner in the crime, and his case is also based upon identical footing to that of the co-accused person who has been extended the privilege of anticipatory bail, let the petitioner above named be released on bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order, upon furnishing bail

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bonds of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Patna in connection with Gandhi Maidan P.S. Case No. 11 of 2026, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, with the further condition that one of the bailors shall be the own/close family members of the petitioner.

(Harish Kumar, J)

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