IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.78457 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011130702026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-77 Year-2024 Thana- DHAKA District- East Champaran

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Imran Ansari S/o Babujan Ansari R/o Village - Pipra Pakari, P.S - Manjhaulia, District - West Champaran at Bettiah

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner : Ms. Diksha Kumari, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Surendra Kumar, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RITESH KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

2 05-11-2026 Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned APP appearing on behalf of the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection with Dhaka P.S. Case No.77 of 2024 for allegedly having committed offences under Sections 420 and 409 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. As per the prosecution story, which has been lodged on the basis of the written report submitted by the informant, who happens to be the Branch Manager in Spandana Sphoorty Financial Company Limited, to the effect that he had gone for the purposes of loan collection in the field on 31.12.2023 and upon going there, he came to know from the demand-sheet of the collection that out of 11 groups of women, only collection of 5

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groups of women customers has been made, whereas with regard to the remaining 6 groups, the collection was not done. It has further been alleged that on 19.01.2024 the collection of remaining 6 groups of women customers was also made by co-accused, Mithun Kumar Yadav. It has further been alleged in the first information report that upon further enquiry, it transpired that 26 other groups of women customers have been sanctioned loan in the wrongful manner by the petitioner, co-accused, Mithun Kumar Yadav and Rahul Kumar Singh.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence. She submits that the petitioner was employed as a Junior Loan Collection Officer/Agent and he had no authority to sanction loan or disburse loan to anyone. She submits that power to sanction and disburse loan vests in the Branch Manager of the Finance Company, which the informant is. She next submits that to save his own skin, the informant has implicated the petitioner, co-accused, Mithun Kumar Yadav and Rahul Kumar Singh in the present case. The learned counsel for the petitioner next submits that similarly situated co-accused, Mithun Kumar Yadav has been granted the privilege of anticipatory bail by an Hon’ble Single Judge of this Court vide order dated 19.04.2025 passed in Criminal Miscellaneous No.46346 of 2024. The learned counsel

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for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has got a clean antecedent.

5. *Per contra*, the learned APP appearing on behalf of the State, while opposing the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, submits that the petitioner in collusion with other accused persons have defalcated a huge amount of the Finance Company and the same is said to have been sanctioned as loan in favour of many women groups.

6. Having considered the rival submissions and after going through the records, it appears that the first information report has been lodged by the informant to the effect that total Rs.11,34,040/- of the Company was disbursed on account of illegal loan, however out of the said amount, Rs.3,61,043/- was returned/deposited in the account of the Company and the remaining amount to the tune of Rs.7,72,997/- was not returned by the petitioner, co-accused, Mithun Kumar Yadav and Rahul Kumar Singh. It appears from the record that co-accused, Mithun Kumar Yadav, against whom similar allegation was levelled, has been granted the privilege of anticipatory bail by a learned Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 19.04.2025 passed in Criminal Miscellaneous No.46346 of 2024.

7. Considering the allegations levelled in the first information report as well as the fact that co-accused, with similar

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allegations, has been granted the privilege of anticipatory bail and to maintain judicial parity and uniformity, let the petitioner, above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender within a period of six weeks, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Dhaka, East Champaran in connection with Dhaka P.S. Case No.77 of 2024, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S. with a further condition that:-

The learned court concerned shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the court concerned shall take steps for cancellation of his bail bond. However, the acceptance of bail bond in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Ritesh Kumar, J.)

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