

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.65652 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-501 Year-2023 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Aurangabad

PANKAJ MAHTO S/O LATE UMESH MAHTO R/O VILLAGE-
HAJPURWA, P.S- RUNNISAIDPUR, DISTT.- SITAMARHI.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Lovekush Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Gulnar Begum

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL KUMAR PANWAR
ORAL ORDER

2 13-10-2023 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

The petitioner has filed the instant application for grant of regular bail in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 501 of 2023 registered under section 30(a), 32(1), 32(3), 41(1), 41(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

Prosecution case relates to recovery of 380.250 liters of illegal foreign made liquor from from a Scorpio and the petitioner was also apprehended on the spot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. He has falsely been implicated in this case merely on suspicion. It is further submitted that nothing incriminating has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner and he has no



concern with the seized illicit liquor. It is also submitted that the petitioner is not the owner of the said vehicle. There is no independent witness of the seizure list. Moreover, he is languishing in judicial custody since 17.06.2023.

The application for bail is opposed by learned APP for the State and submitted that the petitioner has been arrested on spot with the said vehicle by the police where the recovery has been made.

The petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand) in the District Legal Services Authority of the concerned District.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case as well as the custody of the petitioner, the Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. The above named petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 501 of 2023 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 Special Judge, Excise-II Aurangabad.

The bail bonds of the petitioner shall be accepted by the learned lower Court below on showing the receipt of deposit



of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand) by the petitioner in the
account of concerned DLSA.

(Sunil Kumar Panwar, J)

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