

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA  
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.68805 of 2023**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-14 Year-2021 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.  
District- Banka

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Chandu Mandal @ Chandradeo Mandal, Son of Late Badri Mandal, Resident  
of Village- Kermatand, PS- Maniyadih, (Tundi), Distt- Dhanbad (Jharkhand)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ravindra Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, APP

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY  
ORAL ORDER**

2      01-11-2023                      1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for  
grant of regular bail in connection with Excise Complaint Case  
no.14 of 2021, registered under section 30(a) of the Bihar  
Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

3. As per the prosecution case, on a search being  
conducted 1305 litres of IMFL was recovered and two accused  
persons were arrested.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that  
although from the FIR it would transpire that the petitioner was  
not arrested at the spot, his name transpired in the statement of  
the co-accused made before police to the effect that the vehicle  
belongs to the petitioner. However, from the FIR itself it would



transpire that from the document of ownership/registration of the vehicle, that the same does not belong to this petitioner but to one Kalicharan Mandal. Neither the petitioner was arrested at the spot nor does he have any concern with the seized liquor or the vehicle. He is in custody since 21.8.2023.

5. The application for bail is opposed by learned APP for the State.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the prosecution case, neither the petitioner being arrested at the spot nor him being the owner of the vehicle in question and his being in custody since 21.8.2023, the petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in connection with Excise Complaint Case no. 14 of 2021, 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 Additional District & Sessions Judge-V, Banka.

**(Partha Sarthy, J)**

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