

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.6348 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-148 Year-2024 Thana- BHARGAMA District- Araria

Rajesh Kumar Paswan @ Rajesh Paswan S/o Late Awadh Paswan R/o
Village- Bhargama, Ward No.08, P.S.- Bhargama, District- Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. N.K. Agrawal, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Mukesh Kumar Rana, Adv.
Mr. Saroj Kumar, Choundary, Adv.
For the State : Mr. Ram Priya Sharan Singh, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NAWNEET KUMAR
PANDEY**

ORAL ORDER

3 14-10-2025 Heard *Mr. N.K. Agrawal*, learned Senior counsel for the
petitioner as well as the learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection with
Bhargama P.S. Case No. 148 of 2024, registered for the offences
punishable under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act.

3. As per allegation, the informant BSO, Bhargama,
reported that on 19.10.2023, during inspection of PDS dealer Rajesh
Kumar Paswan's shop (Licence No. 01BH/2020), a shortage of 53.19
quintals of wheat and 188.06 quintals of rice was found, indicating
misappropriation of PDS grains. On his, recommendation, the SDO,
Forbesganj cancelled the dealer's license.

4. *Mr. N.K. Agrawal*, learned Senior Counsel for the
petitioner has submitted that the license of the petitioner had already
been cancelled at the time of inspection and he was not present at the



spot. His further submission is that not a single beneficiary has made any complaint against the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned APP for the State has opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Considering the above-mentioned facts and circumstances, let the petitioner, in the event of his arrest or surrender within four weeks before the learned court below, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned SDJM, Araria in connection with Bhargama P.S. Case No. 148 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the CrPC/482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.

7. The petitioner will appear in the court on each and every date fixed by the trial court till framing of charges.

8. After accepting the bail bond, the criminal antecedent of the petitioner shall be verified and if, it is found that he is involved in any other case except the present one, his bail bond shall be cancelled.

(Nawneet Kumar Pandey, J)

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