

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23300 of 2025**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-20 Year-2021 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.
District- Begusarai

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Ajay Kumar Paswan @ Chandan Paswan S/o Balmiki Paswan R/o
Khanjahanpur, Ward No. 09, P.S.- Cheriya Bariyarpur, District- Begusarai

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Gauri Shankar Gupta, APP.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 30-04-2025 Heard Mr. Yogesh Kumar, learned counsel appearing

on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Gauri Shankar Gupta,

learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection
with Excise Case No. 20C2 of 2021 registered for the offence
punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and
Excise Act.

3. As per the allegation made in the F.I.R., 15 litres of
country made liquor was recovered from the backside of the
house of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and he has
committed no offence as alleged. He has no concern either with
the seized liquor or trade of liquor in any manner. The place of



recovery is an open place which is accessible to anyone. The petitioner has clean antecedent.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner and submits that due to sale and consumption of illicit liquor, day after day, hooch tragedy occurs and the State Officials of different department appears to have facilitated smuggling and trade of illicit liquor inside the State of Bihar. As such, involvement of the petitioner cannot be ruled out from illicit trade of liquor.

6. Considering the nature of allegation made against the petitioner and the fact that recovery of 15 litres of country made liquor is from an open place which is accessible to anyone, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the Court below within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Exclusive Special Excise Judge-II, Begusarai in connection with Excise Case No. 20C2 of 2021, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. The District Court is directed to verify the criminal



antecedent of the petitioner and if it is found that the petitioner is involved in some other cases as what has been stated in Para- 3 of the bail petition, this order will automatically lose its force.

8. The bail application stands disposed of.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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