

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.32964 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-140 Year-2025 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Lakhisarai

Ranjit Mistri @ Ranju Lohar @ Ranjeet Vishwakarma Son of Late Sitaram
Mistri Resident of Village -Dharmraichak Ward no 6 PS -Lakhisarai, Dist-
Lakhisarai.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rabi Bhushan, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Raj Kishor Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. SONI SHRIVASTAVA
ORAL ORDER

2 22-05-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in a case registered for the
offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition
and Excise Act, 2016.

3. Perusal of the first information report and the seizure
list would go to show that total 27 liters of Mahua liquor is
said to have been recovered from the roof of the house of the
petitioner.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner
that the house from where recovery has been made is a joint
family property and no liability can be fixed on the petitioner.
There is no recovery from the conscious or physical possession



of the petitioner. Further, there is no independent witness to the search and seizure violating the mandatory provisions. Petitioner has been languishing in custody since 03.03.2025.

5. Learned APP for the State opposes the prayer for bail on the ground that the petitioner has three criminal antecedents of similar nature of the offence. However, it is submitted that the petitioner is on bail in all the three cases.

5. Taking into consideration the fact and circumstances of the case, the above named petitioner is directed to be enlarged 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 Court below where the case is pending/successor Court in connection with Lakhisarai P.S. Case No.140c2of 2025, subject to the further condition that:

(i) The petitioner shall cooperate in the investigation/trial.

(ii) The one of the bailors will be a family member/close relative.

(iii) The court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the court



below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, it is expected that the verification process would be done expeditiously without causing any delay.

(Soni Shrivastava, J)

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