

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.58942 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-139 Year-2025 Thana- Lakho District- Begusarai

Sanatan Kumar @ Kare, male, aged about 31 years, S/o Vijay Singh, Resident of Village- Inyar, Ward No-11, PS- Muffasil, District- Begusarai

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shashank Shekhar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Binod Kumar, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 23-09-2025 Heard Mr. Shashank Shekhar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Binod Kumar, learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection with Lakho P.S. Case No. 139 of 2025 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 30 (a), 41(1) and 47 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act as amended up-to-date.

3. Allegation is of recovery of 285.6 litres of illicit Indian Made Foreign liquor from a Hyundai Exter Car bearing Registration No. BR09AS-8024.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case due to local village politics. Petitioner has no concern with the alleged seized liquor or with the car from



which huge quantity of liquor was recovered, nor he is involved in trade of liquor in any manner. Petitioner has clean antecedent. On these grounds, petitioner seeks to be released on pre-arrest bail.

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. Having considered the rival submissions made on behalf of the parties, I find that the learned District Court under such circumstances is required to verify the owner of the car on the basis of registration number, chassis number and engine number and if it is found that the car is not registered in the name of the petitioner and not a stolen one, then in that case, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his/her arrest or surrender before the learned District Court within a period of four weeks from today, 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 District Court where the case is pending, in connection with Lakho P.S. Case No. 139 of 2025, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. The learned District Court is directed to verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner as stated in paragraph no. 3 of the bail application. If any other case is pending against the petitioner as what has been stated in paragraph no. 3, this order will lose its force automatically.

8. The present bail application stands disposed of.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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