

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.78139 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-290 Year-2025 Thana- JOKIHAT District- Araria

Uttam Mandal S/O Late Narayan Mandal R/O Vill.- Dalkola Vidhan Palli,
ward no. -10, P.S- Dalkola, Dist.- Uttar Dinajpur (West Bengal)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Jaishankar Kumar Yadav, Adv

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

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RUDRA PRAKASH
MISHRA**

ORAL ORDER

2 19-11-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Jokihat
P.S. Case No. 290 of 2025, instituted for the offences punishable
under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. The prosecution case, in short, is that 324 liters of
foreign liquor was recovered from pick-up vehicle. Petitioner
was arrested on spot.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the
present case. No incriminating material has been recovered from
the conscious possession of the petitioner. The petitioner has got
no concern with the alleged recovery of liquor. It is submitted



that petitioner is driver of the seized vehicle and he has no knowledge regarding the goods loaded in the vehicle. The petitioner is in custody since 27.08.2025 and has got clean antecedent. There is no compliance of Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case and the period of custody undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Let the petitioner be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Court below/concerned Court in connection with Jokihat P.S. Case No. 290 of 2025.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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