

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.82508 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-180 Year-2025 Thana- EXCISE KATORIYA District- Banka

Ranjit Barman Son of Late Upen Barman Resident of Village -West Falakata
PS -West Falakata, Dist- Jalpaigudi, West Bengal

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Md. Iftekhar Mahmood, APP

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

ORAL ORDER

2 03-12-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Katoriya Excise P.S. Case No. 180 of 2025, instituted for the offences punishable under Sections 30(a) and 32(3) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. The prosecution case, in short, is that 276.480 liters liquor was recovered from pick-up vehicle and the 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. Learned counsel for the petitioner also submits that the petitioner is neither owner nor driver of the vehicle in question. It is further submitted that the petitioner has been arrested only on the basis of suspicion. The petitioner is in custody since 25.09.2025 and has got no criminal 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 ***after framing of charge, if not already framed*** 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 Katoriya Excise P.S. Case No. 180 of 2025, subject to the following conditions:

(I) One of the bailors shall be own/close member of the family of the petitioner.

(II) The petitioner shall appear on each and every date fixed at the trial. In case of default in such appearance on two



consecutive dates, the Trial Court will have liberty to cancel the
bail bonds of the petitioner.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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