

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.84808 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-197 Year-2025 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Saran

Laxman Mahto S/o Late Sabha Mahto R/o Village - Maharua Repura, P.S -
Veldi, District - Saran at Chapra

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Akbar Ali, APP

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

ORAL ORDER

2 10-12-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP
for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Sadar
Excise PS Case No. 197 of 2025 instituted for the offences
under Section/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. The prosecution case, in short, is that 224 liters
country made liquor was recovered from *Thela*.

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 name of the petitioner has surfaced in this case as being
driver of the *Thela* in question and he was oblivious of the fact



that illicit liquor was laden in the *Thela*. The petitioner is in custody since 19.08.2025 and has got three criminal antecedent/s. There is no compliance of Section 103 of the BNSS, 2023.

5. Learned A.P.P. 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/- (Fifteen thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Court below/concerned Court in connection with Sadar Excise PS Case No. 197 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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