

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.84956 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-152 Year-2025 Thana- BALIA BELON District- Katihar

Banti Mandal Son of Late Suresh Mandal Resident of Village - Kursela Basti,
P.S.- Kursela, District - Katihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ramesh Chandra, 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 Balia
Belon PS Case No. 152 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 664.56 liters
foreign liquor was recovered from Bolero pickup.

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 vehicle in question and he was oblivious of the fact



that illicit liquor was laden in the vehicle. The petitioner is in custody since 06.10.2025 and has got one 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, *after framing of charge, if not already framed*, 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 Balia Belon PS Case No. 152 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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