

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.86610 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-364 Year-2025 Thana- MOKAMAH District- Patna

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Ranjeet Sao @ Ranjeet Kumar Son of Late Sakal Dev Sao @ Late Sakaldev
Saw Resident of Village- Doctor Toli, Ward No. 7, P.S.- Mokama, District-
Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Anil Chandra

For the Opposite Party/s: Mr. Raj Ballabh Singh

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 18-12-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Mokama P.S. Case No.364 of 2025, dated 06.09.2025 registered for the offences under Sections 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2022.

3. As per the FIR, the allegation against the petitioner is that he and his son are engaged in the business of illegal liquor, and 19.56 litres of foreign liquor have been seized from their house.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the instant case solely on the ground that the recovery has been



made from his house. However, as a matter of fact, the petitioner had rented out the said house to tenants, from whose possession the alleged liquor has been seized, and the petitioner had no knowledge of any liquor business being carried on therein. Neither the petitioner nor his son was residing in the said house, and the petitioner was neither present at the place of occurrence nor did he flee from the spot upon the arrival of the police. Petitioner is living in another house and earning his livelihood by running a grocery shop. There has been no recovery from the constructive possession of the petitioner. Lastly, it is submitted that the petitioner has one criminal antecedent akin to the instant case.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, and without accepting his guilt, proposes to deposit a sum of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) in the welfare account of the Advocates' Association of the Patna High Court.

6. Regard being had to the submission made by the parties, taking into consideration the fact that illicit liquor has not been recovered from the constructive possession of the petitioner, accordingly, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Let the petitioner, above named, be released on an-



ticipatory bail in the event of arrest or surrender before the Court below 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 learned Exclusive Special Judge, Barh, Patna, in connection with Mokama P.S. Case No.364 of 2025 subject to the condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023 and on production of the receipt showing deposit of Rs.5000/- as proposed on behalf of the petitioner.

(Ajit Kumar, J)

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