

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2980 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-358 Year-2025 Thana- DAGARUA District- Purnia

Suren Mandal @ Surendra Mandal S/o- Fudai Mandal Resident of Village-
Bnaili Ward No. 14, P.S.- Dagarua, District- Purnea

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Nadimul Hasan, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Dr. Kumar Uday Pratap, APP

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

ORAL ORDER

2 20-01-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Dagarua
P.S. Case No. 358 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 total 124.200
litres of liquor was recovered from *jugaad* vehicle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the
petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case. No
incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious
possession of the petitioner. Learned counsel further submitted
that petitioner is not the owner of the vehicle. It is further
submitted that petitioner is the driver of the vehicle in question



but he had no knowledge regarding the goods loaded in the vehicle. The petitioner is in custody since 30.09.2025 and has no criminal antecedent. There is no compliance of Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nagarika 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 Dagaru P.S. Case No. 358 of 2025.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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