

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.11605 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-161 Year-2025 Thana- Lalmatia District- Bhagalpur

Ranjit Mahto Son of Late Raj Kumar Mahto Resident of Village- Pasi Tola,
Lalmatiya, P.S.- Lalmatiya, District- Bhagalpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Purna Anand, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Navin Kumar Pandey, APP

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

ORAL ORDER

2 19-02-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP
for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Lalmatiya PS Case No. 161 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 10 liters
liquor was recovered from the house of the petitioner.

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 recovery is made from the joint house of the petitioner,



where other family members also reside. The petitioner is in custody since 24.11.2025 and has got six (6) 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 Lalmatiya PS Case No. 161 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 and shall not remain absent on two consecutive dates without sufficient cause.

(III) The petitioner will not tamper with the evidence or the witnesses during the trial.



(IV) Petitioner shall not commit offence of similar nature in future.

If any of the above conditions are violated, the Trial Court shall be at liberty to cancel the bail bonds of the petitioner.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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