

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.11486 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-114 Year-2025 Thana- MAKER District- Saran

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Sona Rai, S/o- Banarasi Rai, Village-Jamira, P.S.-Dariyapur, District-Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Adv.

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

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KHATIM REZA

ORAL ORDER

2 17-02-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned A.P.P for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Maker P.S. Case No. 114 of 2025 dated 17.05.2025
registered for the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of
the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. The allegation is of recovery of 2574.72 litres
illicit foreign liquor from Hywa Truck bearing Reg. No.
BR04B7688.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in
this case. It is submitted that nothing has been recovered
from the conscious possession of the petitioner, rather, the



said illicit liquor has been recovered from the truck which belongs to the petitioner. It is submitted that the petitioner has been made accused only on the basis that he is the owner of the said truck but he had no knowledge about the said illicit liquor being carried by the Driver and Co-driver. It is further submitted that at the time of occurrence, two persons were arrested, who have been granted bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court. Pankaj Kumar (Driver) and Deepak Kumar (Co-driver) have been granted bail *vide* order dated 15.07.2025 passed in Criminal Miscellaneous No. 44990 of 2025 and Mahesh Rai has been granted bail *vide* order dated 30.08.2025 passed in Criminal Miscellaneous No. 40867 of 2025. The petitioner is in custody since 15.12.2025, having no criminal antecedent and charge-sheet has been submitted in the case.

5. Learned A.P.P for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case and submissions of learned counsel for the parties, let the petitioner be released on bail upon furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties



of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned 3rd
Exclusive Special Excise Court, Saran at Chapra in
connection with Maker P.S. Case No. 114 of 2025.

(Khatim Reza, J)

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