

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18250 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-465 Year-2025 Thana- KOTWA District- East Champaran

Umesh Pandit son of Late Rambelas Pandit @ Vilash Pandit Resident of
village- Kadhan Bairiya, Ps- Kesariya, Dist- East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Dr. Mrityunjaya Kumar Gautam, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRAVEEN KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 04-05-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P for the State.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with Kotwa P.S. Case No. 465 of 2025 registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 432 litres of illicit Nepali liquor was recovered from the Bolero vehicle which the petitioner was driving.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case merely on the basis of being a driver of the said vehicle from which the alleged liquor was recovered. It has further been submitted that the vehicle in question does not belong to the



petitioner and he has no knowledge of the seized consignment kept therein. It has also been submitted that the procedure prescribed under Section 105 of the B.N.S.S. has not been followed. Moreover, similarly situated co-accused has already been granted bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 27.02.2026 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 14691 of 2026. Lastly, it has been submitted that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent and is in custody since 31.12.2025.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

6. Heard the parties and perused the record, the petitioner above-named is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Court concerned, East Champaran, in connection with Kotwa P.S. Case No. 465 of 2025.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Praveen Kumar, J)

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