

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.19515 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-821 Year-2023 Thana- HAJIPUR SADAR District- Vaishali

Pritam Kumar Mandal S/o Narayan Mandal R/o Village - Sukanta Palli, P.S -
Andal, District - Bardhwan, State - West Bengal

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Amaresh Kumar, Advocate
	:	Ms. Anamika Anshu, Advocate
	:	Ms. Shambhavi Mansi, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s	:	Mr. Arun Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. SONI SHRIVASTAVA
ORAL ORDER

2 03-04-2026 Heard Ms. Shambhavi Mansi, learned counsel for
the petitioner and Mr. Arun Kumar, learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Section 414 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 30(a), 32(2), 36, 42(1) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act, 2022.

3. The allegation in the First Information Report is that a total of 421.500 litres of illegal IMFL was recovered from a Pickup van.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that 421.500 litres of illegal IMFL was recovered from a Pickup van and one Vijay Kumar Gupta was arrested by the police team, who disclosed that he was the driver of the said vehicle. The apprehended person also disclosed the names of two other



persons, however, the name of the petitioner was not taken. Name of the petitioner surfaced on the ground that he was the owner of the said Pickup van, however, the petitioner had no knowledge whatsoever that the same was being used for illegal purpose. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent.

5. Learned APP for the State opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail on the basis of allegations made in the First Information Report.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, let the above named petitioner, be released on bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned 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 the learned Court below where the case is pending/successor Court in connection with Hajipur Sadar P.S. Case No. 821 of 2023, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C/ Section 482 (2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023.

(Soni Shrivastava, J)

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