IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.17278 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-926 Year-2025 Thana- MADHEPURA District- Madhepura

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Kartik Yadav, Son of Rasiklal Yadav R/o Village - Bhelwa, Matiahi, Ward No.02, P.S. - Madhepura, District - Madhepura.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. N. K. Agrawal- Sr. Advocate
Mr. Vijay Anand- Advocate
Mr. Roop Kishan- Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Parmeshwar Mehta- A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA

ORAL ORDER

2 16-04-2026 1. Heard learned senior counsel for the petitioner and learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in anticipation of his arrest in Madhepura P. S. Case No.926 of 2025 registered for the offences punishable under Section 7 of the E. C. Act, 1955.

3. The learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has antecedent of one case and the informant (Block Supply Officer, Madhepura) alleges that on 05.09.2025, an inspection of the PDS shop of the petitioner was carried out in light of the direction issued by the higher authority. Further, online stock of food-grains on PDS App displayed quantities of rice as 151.96 quintals and wheat 69.67 quintals while during physical verification of the godown, the

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rice and wheat was zero, thus alleges that petitioner embezzled 151.96 quintals of rice and 69.67 quintals of wheat of government subsidized food-grains.

4. The learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has been falsely implicated in the instant case by the informant. It is next submitted that petitioner is a PDS dealer for the last 13-14 years and in these 13-14 years, no complaint ever came to be filed before the authorities by the beneficiaries that petitioner is not distributing the grains fairly. It is next submitted that though in the FIR, it is alleged that 151.96 quintals of rice and 69.67 quintals of wheat was found missing, but then, the said allegation has been alleged in haste as it has been specifically pleaded at Para-10 of the anticipatory bail application that 151.96 quintals rice and 69.67 quintals wheat was kept in another room as roof of the licensed place was damaged and the inspecting authority failed to consider the stock of the said room.

5. Learned A.P.P. vehemently opposes the anticipatory bail application and submits that allegations against the petitioner is of siphoning of grains meant to be distributed amongst the beneficiaries. It is submitted that no doubt at Para-10, it has been pleaded that petitioner had kept the grains in

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another room since licensed room was damaged, but then, it is submitted that it absolutely defies all logic, wisdom and reasonable human behaviour that if what has been pleaded at Para-10 is a correct fact, in that event, the petitioner would have represented before the authorities bringing to their notice that FIR has been instituted on false allegations as petitioner has the requisite amount of rice and grains stocked with him, but then, that is not the case. It is next submitted that if petitioner is innocent, police will submit final form, but then, the case requires to be investigated.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned A.P.P., the Court is not inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. The prayer of the petitioner for anticipatory bail stands rejected.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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