

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18965 of 2026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-359 Year-2025 Thana- KADWA District- Katihar

Pradhan Marandi Son of Sarju Marandi Resident of Chhatiyan, PS- Kadwa,  
Distt- Katihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Advocate

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

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH**  
**ORAL ORDER**

2      08-04-2026                      Heard Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, learned counsel  
appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Sanjay Kumar,  
learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection  
with Kadwa P.S. Case No. 359 of 2025 registered for the  
offence(s) punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar  
Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the allegation made in the FIR, 30 litres of  
illicit liquor was recovered from the house of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the  
petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been  
falsely implicated in the present case. It is further submitted that  
the petitioner resides in a joint family, and that some other  
family members may have concealed the liquor and as such, the



petitioner has no connection with the seized liquor. On these grounds, the petitioner seeks to be released on pre-arrest bail

5. Learned APP for the State vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail.

6. Having heard the rival submissions made on behalf of the parties, as well as, having perused the allegation made in the FIR and the fact that petitioner resides in a joint family and that some other family members may have concealed the liquor and also the fact that the State has failed to implement its liquor policy in its true spirit, I am of the opinion that petitioner has, *prima facie*, made out a case to be released on pre-arrest bail.

7. The petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned District Court 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 learned Concerned Court where the case is pending in connection with Kadwa P.S. Case No. 359 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

8. The learned District Court is directed to verify the



criminal antecedent of the petitioner and if it is found that the petitioner is involved in some other cases, as what has been stated in paragraph no.3 of the bail application, this order will automatically lose its force.

**(Purnendu Singh, J)**

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