

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.21149 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-26 Year-2026 Thana- D.R.I District- Patna

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Aakash Shrichand Sohanda Son of Shrichand Murlidhar Sohanda @ Shrichand Murlidhar Sohanda R/o E-15, New Neelkanth Chawl, Near Chirag Hotel, Opposite Basant Vihar, P.S. - Hill Line, Ulhasnagar, Dist. - Thane, Maharashtra, 421005.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The Director of Revenue Intelligence(DRI), Regional Unit, Patna. Patna.

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. P.N. Shahi, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Aryan Singh

For the Opposite Party/s : Dr Krishna Nandan Singh (ASG)
Mr. Anshuman Singh

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 03-04-2026 Heard learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner and

learned counsel for the DRI.

2. The petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with

DRI Patna Unit Case No. 26 of 2025–26, registered for offences

under Sections 20(b)(ii)(B), 23(b), and 29 of the NDPS Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, 8.144 kg of hydroponic

weed (*ganja*) has been recovered from a trolley belonging to the

petitioner.

4. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner submits

that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any

offence. The petitioner is in custody since 07.01.2026 and

claims to have a clean antecedent. It is further submitted that the



quantity of ganja recovered is an intermediate quantity; therefore, the petitioner may be granted bail.

5. Per contra, learned counsel for the DRI vehemently opposes the bail application.

6. Considering the huge recovery of hydroponic weed (*ganja*), this Court is not inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner at this stage.

7. Accordingly, the application for regular bail stands rejected for the present. However, if the trial is delayed by the DRI, the petitioner may renew his prayer for bail.

8. It is made clear that any observation made herein is *prima facie* in nature and limited solely to the adjudication of the present bail application. Such observations shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and shall not influence the trial or any other proceedings in any manner.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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