

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30362 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-144 Year-2025 Thana- GOVINDGANJ District- East
Champaran

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Mantu Ram S/o Harendra Ram Resident Of Village - Mananpur, P.s. -
Govindganj, Dist.- East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Pravin Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Nityanand, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 13-05-2026 Heard Mr. Pravin Kumar, learned counsel appearing
on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Nityanand, learned APP for
the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection
with Govindganj P.S. Case No. 144 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, 10 litres of
illicit liquor was recovered from a sack tied on a bicycle, which
was allegedly left by the petitioner after seeing the police party.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioner submitted that petitioner is innocent and has falsely
been implicated in the present case. He further submitted that



recovery of illicit liquor has been made from the *Manapur Dala*, which is an open space and is easily accessible by anyone. The petitioner has no connection whatsoever with the place of recovery, the bicycle, or the alleged recovered liquor. Petitioner has clean antecedent. On these grounds, 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 recovery of illicit liquor has been made from the *Manapur Dala*, which is an open space and is easily accessible by anyone 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, who is having clean antecedent, 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 Govindganj P.S. Case No. 144 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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