

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30352 of 2026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-89 Year-2026 Thana- JANTA BAZAR District- Saran

Raju Kumar Manjhi @ Raju Manjhi S/o Late Sitaram Manjhi R/o Village-
Senduar Babu Tola, P.S- Janta Bazar, District- Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Bishwajeet Singh, Advocate.

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

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

2 13-05-2026 Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioner and learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection with Janta Bazar P.S. Case No. 89 of 2026 registered for the offence punishable under Section 281 of the BNS and Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the allegation made in the F.I.R., 311.34 litres of different brands of IMFL was recovered from a wagon car bearing Registration No. WB24R7899 parked in front of the house of one Harendra Kumar Manjhi @ Lala.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has falsely been implicated in the case. He has no concern either with the seized liquor or trade of liquor in any manner. He is not the owner of the car in question.



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

6. Having heard the rival submissions made on behalf of the parties, as well as, having perused the allegation made in the F.I.R., learned District Court is directed to call for a report from the Superintendent of Police concerned, as well as, the District Transport Officer in respect of the vehicle, the details of which is mentioned in the F.I.R. and the seizure list.

7. If it is found that the car in question is not a stolen one and doesn't belong to the petitioner and it is registered in the name of some other person, then in that case, the petitioner, above named, be released on pre-arrest bail on such terms and conditions the learned District Court deems fit and proper.

8. The Superintendent of Police, Saran is directed to take appropriate and effective steps to curb illegal smuggling, manufacturing, and sale of illicit liquor, which is prohibited, and to ensure strict enforcement of the law, especially in view of the possibility that the complicity of police officials, excise officials, and transport department personnel, in connivance with the taxation department, cannot be ruled out.

9. The bail application stands disposed of.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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