

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30422 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-180 Year-2025 Thana- UDAKISHUNGANJ District-
Madhepura

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Sonu Yadav @ Sonu Kumar S/O Vidyanand R/O Vill.- Bhawanandpur, Ward
No. 3, P.S.- Udakishunganj, Dist.- Madhepura.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Amarnath Jha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ramesh Chandra, A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 04-05-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in a case registered for the
offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition
and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of
recovery of 146.80 litres of codeine cough syrup from the house of
Rita Devi.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession and even the alleged
recovery is from a house which does not belong to the petitioner
and he has no concern or relation with Rita Devi but then he came
to be implicated based on the confessional statement of Rita Devi



in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value in the eye of law and is in custody since 07.04.2026.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner and submits that allegation is of recovery of 146.80 litres of codeine cough syrup. It is further submitted that of late codeine in the State of Bihar has become a menace as the young children are using it for the purposes of intoxication. It is next submitted that if the privilege of regular bail is granted to the petitioner, the petitioner may abscond.

6. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties, the Court is not inclined to release the petitioner on bail in connection with Udakishunganj P.S. Case No. 180 of 2025 pending in the Court of learned District & Additional Sessions Judge-V-cum-Special Judge, Excise-I, Madhepura/Successor Court.

7. Hence, the prayer for bail is rejected.

8. However, the petitioner would be at liberty to renew his prayer for bail after framing of charge.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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