

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.34725 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-23 Year-2026 Thana- PANJWARA District- Banka

Tetru Manjhi S/o Dhurkheli Manjhi Resident of Village- Maldhi Khatnai, PS-
Godda, Distt- Godda(Jharkhand)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ram Sumiran Rai, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRAVEEN KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 21-05-2026 The matter has been taken up today through video
conferencing.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

3. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Panjwara P.S. Case No. 23 of 2026 registered
for the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 54.735 litres of
illicit foreign liquor was recovered from an e-rickshaw.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in
this case merely on the ground of being the owner of the seized
vehicle from which the alleged liquor was recovered. It has
further been submitted that the petitioner was not arrested at the



spot. It has also been submitted that, at the time of seizure, the e-rickshaw was not under the control of the petitioner, as the petitioner had given the same to the driver for plying. It has also been submitted that the procedure prescribed under Section 105 of the B.N.S.S. has not been followed. Lastly, it has been submitted that the petitioner has got a clean criminal record.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

7. Heard the parties and perused the record.

8. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, let the above named petitioner, in the event of his arrest/surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be enlarged on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail-bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned, Banka, in connection with Panjwara P.S. Case No. 23 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharitya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (B.N.S.S.)

9. This application stands allowed.

(Praveen Kumar, J)

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