

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.34466 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-168 Year-2025 Thana- Excise Thana Hajipur District- Vaishali

Ashok Rai @ Ashok Kumar, S/O Nanda Rai, R/O Village- Ward No.-1,
Gidarvatola Terasia, P.S.- Ganga Bridge, Dist-Vaishali.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Akbar Ali, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA SHEKHAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

3 29-06-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The accused/petitioner is named in the FIR and apprehending his arrest in connection with Hajipur Excise P.S. Case No.168 of 2025 registered under Section 30(a), (b), (c) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act,2022.

3. Allegation against the petitioner is to engage in illegal trade/manufacturing of illicit liquor, where there is recovery of 50 litres of IMFL/country-made liquor.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that the seized illicit liquor was recovered from



a *Bhatti*, which is an open place, accessible to the general public and, therefore, it cannot be said that the alleged recovery was made from the conscious possession of the petitioner. It is further submitted that seizure list also appears doubtful being not supported by independent witnesses rather than by police personnel. It is also pointed out that the name of the petitioner surfaced solely on the basis of the secret information received by the informant. The petitioner has one criminal antecedent.

5. Learned APP opposed the prayer of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. In view of aforesaid factual submissions and by taking of note of fact as recovery of illicit liquor *prima facie* not appears to be made from physical possession of this petitioner, accordingly, the petitioner, above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender in the court below within a period of four weeks from today, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Exclusive Special, Excise-II -cum-



Additional District and Sessions Judge, Vaishali at Hajipur in connection with Hajipur Excise P.S. Case No.168 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the CrPC/under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

(Chandra Shekhar Jha, J.)

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