

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.35187 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-176 Year-2026 Thana- MANER District- Patna

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Santosh Kumar Rai @ S.K. Ray Son of Lalan Rai Resident of Village-
Bhadwar, P.S.- Chandi, District- Bhojpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Arun Kumar, A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRAVEEN KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 21-05-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned

Additional Public Prosecutor for the State through video-
conferencing.

2. This application for anticipatory bail arises out of
Maner P.S. Case No. 176 of 2026, registered for the offence
punishable under Sections 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise
Act.

3. As per the allegation, 750 ml of foreign liquor was
recovered from a motorcycle and the co-accused persons Pawan
Kumar, Kamlesh Kumar and Mukesh Kumar were arrested from
the said motorcycle. Petitioner has been made accused as he is
the registered owner of the seized motorcycle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that petitioner is a Railway employee and is posted outside of



Bihar and the motorcycle of the petitioner was kept in his native place and the petitioner does not know as to how and under what circumstances, the illicit liquor was recovered from the motorcycle and three co-accused persons were found seated. It has further been submitted that the search and seizure is in violation of Section 105 of B.N.S.S. It has lastly been submitted that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent.

5. Learned counsel for the State opposed the prayer of anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

6. Heard the parties and perused the record.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances, let the petitioner above named, in the event of his arrest/surrender within six weeks from today in the Court below, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Excise Judge, Danapur, in connection with Maner P.S. Case No. 176 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita.

(Praveen Kumar, J)

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