

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.37345 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-10 Year-2026 Thana- SULTANGANJ District- Patna

Suraj Kumar S/o Late Gulab Sao Resident of - Shivpur Tikiyatoli, P.S.-
Sultanganj, District- Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Mithilesh Kumar Arya, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Parmanand Prasad, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 01-07-2026 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 has antecedent of eight cases under the Excise Act and
is in custody since 28.03.2026 and allegation is of recovery of
120 litres of liquor from the house of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession. It is further submitted
that the house in question is a joint family property, as such, it
cannot be alleged with certainty that it was the petitioner who
had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house



was within his knowledge and after amendment in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It is next submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise the police start implicating mechanically either at the instance of the Chawkidar, local person, confessional statement or secret information without holding a proper investigation of the case.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and taking into consideration the period of custody, the petitioner, above-named, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court where the case is pending in connection with Sultanganj P.S. Case No. 10 of 2026.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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