

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.40561 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-173 Year-2026 Thana- JALALPUR District- Saran

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Pankaj Mahto S/O Tilak Mahto R/O Village - Goraiya Chapra, P.S- Revilganj,
District - Saran at Chapra

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Chandra Mohan Jha

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Umanath Mishra

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 24-06-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The present application has been filed seeking regular bail in connection with Jalalpur P.S. Case No. 173 of 2026, registered for offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, 121.680 liters of illicit liquor have been recovered from the dickey and beneath the seat of the car in question. The petitioner is in custody since 07.05.2026 and claims clean antecedent.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence; rather, he has been falsely implicated in the present case. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is merely a daily



wage worker-cum-driver of the vehicle in question and has no connection with the alleged offence. It is further submitted that the petitioner undertakes to donate a sum of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) to a charitable organization, without prejudice to his defence and without admitting guilt.

5. Learned APP for the State has opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, the period of custody, and the submissions advanced on behalf of the parties, the application for bail is allowed.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Court concerned where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Jalalpur P.S. Case No. 173 of 2026, subject to the following conditions:

(I). The petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) with Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Latu Maharaj Path, opposite Circuit House, Chapra, Bihar, and shall produce a valid receipt thereof before the court below. The bail bonds shall be accepted only after verification of the genuineness of the said



receipt.

(ii). The petitioner shall mark his attendance at Revilganj Police Station on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. In the event of default, the bail bonds shall be liable to be cancelled.

(iii). At the time of acceptance of bail bonds, the court below shall verify the antecedents of the petitioner. The bail bonds shall be accepted only upon confirmation that the petitioner has no criminal antecedent. However, such verification shall not be used as a ground to unnecessarily delay acceptance of the bail bonds.

8. It is made clear that any observation made herein is *prima facie* in nature and limited solely for the purpose of adjudication of the present bail application. Such observations shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case and shall not influence the trial or any other proceedings in any manner.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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