

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.42862 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-179 Year-2026 Thana- CHHATAUNI District- East Champaran

Rajdev Rai, Son of Late Narayan Rai, Resident of village - Amar Chhatauni,
P.S.- Chhatauni, District - East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Navin Kumar Pandey, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA SHEKHAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

2 01-07-2026 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 Chhatauni P.S. Case No.179 of 2026 registered under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Allegation against the petitioner is to engage in illegal trade/manufacturing of illicit liquor, where there is recovery of 5.460 litres of IMFL/country-made liquor.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that the seized illicit liquor was recovered behind the house of the petitioner, 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 disclosure made by the local villagers. The petitioner claimed clean 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, who is a man of clean antecedent, 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 Court-I, Motihari, East



Champan in connection with Chhatauni P.S. Case No.179
of 2026, 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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