

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.44878 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-72 Year-2026 Thana- Pachpakdi District- East Champaran

Suresh Mahto @ Suresh Mahato, S/o Sukan Mahto, Resident of Village - Heerapatti @ Dhakapachapakri Heerapatti, P.S. - Pachpakri, District - East Champaran Bihar.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pramod Kumar Prasad, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Mritunjay Kumar Nirala, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA SHEKHAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

2 08-07-2026 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 Pachpakdi P.S. Case No.72 of 2026 registered under Section 30(a) 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 13.440 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 *water-hyacinth* near the house of the petitioner. Being an



open place, it is 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 due to enmity and village politics. The petitioner has one criminal antecedent, in which, he is on bail.

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

6. In view of aforesaid factual submissions and by taking 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 Court



No.-I, East Champaran at Motihari in connection with
Pachpakdi P.S. Case No.72 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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