

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.46840 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-33 Year-2026 Thana- PATEPUR District- Vaishali

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Pankaj Manjhi @ Pankaj Kumar Manjhi Son of Late Visheshwar Manjhi
Resident of Village- Mandai Dih/Mandedih Mushhari Tola, P.S.- Patepur,
District- Vaishali.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mrs.Suruchi Anand, Advocate.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Raj Kishor Singh, APP.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 22-07-2026 Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the

petitioner and learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection
with Patepur P.S. Case No. 33 of 2026 registered for the offence
punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and
Excise Act.

3. Allegation is of recovery of 10 litres of country
made liquor from the hut of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely
implicated in the case due to enmity on the disclosure made by
the local chaukidar. The house from which liquor is said to have
been recovered is a joint house and the petitioner had no
knowledge about keeping of liquor in that house. He has no
concern either with the seized liquor or trade of liquor in any
manner. The petitioner has clean antecedent.



5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

6. Having considered the rival submissions made on behalf of the parties and the nature of allegation against the petitioner, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the Court below within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned District Court where the case is pending in connection with Patepur P.S. Case No. 33 of 2026, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C / Section 482 (2) BNSS.

7. The District Court is directed to verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and if it is found that the petitioner is involved in some other cases as what has been stated in Para-3 of the bail petition, this order will automatically lose its force.

8. The bail application stands disposed of.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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