

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.82340 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-14 Year-2022 Thana- D.R.I District- Patna

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Manoj Singh @ Sardar Manoj Singh S/o- Sardar Rameshwar Singh @
Rameshwar Singh R/O Mohalla- Sonpati, P.S-Sasaram, District-Rohtas

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The Union of India through the Principal Commissioner Customs, C.R Building B.C Patel Path, Patna Bihar
2. The Assistant Director, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence Regional Unit, Patna Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Pramod Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the DRI/ Customs	:	Mr. Amit Pandey, Sr. S.C.
	:	Mrs. Asmita Sinha, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Shyam Kumar Singh, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

4 24-03-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner; learned APP
for the State and learned counsel for the Customs and DRI.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with DRI PS
Case No. 14 of 2022 and Economic Offence (Customs) Case
No. 361(C) of 2022 registered for the offence punishable under
Sections 135(1)(a) and 135(1)(b) of the Customs Act, 1962 read
with Section 3(2) of the Foreign Trade (Development and
Regulation) Act, 1992.

3. The recovery is of gold biscuits/bullions weighting
1982.340 grams valued at Rs. 1,03,45,832 of foreign marking.



4. The petitioner is in custody since 10.07.2025.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the gold was purchased by the petitioner and it is not from a third country origin. It was purchased by his employees and it has been recovered from Gaya Junction and not from any International Airport.

6. Learned counsel for the customs and DRI has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail and has submitted that the petitioner is involved in smuggling of gold and the value of the seized gold is Rs. 1,03,45,832/- and therefore the petitioner does not deserve bail.

7. I have considered the submissions of the parties.

8. Considering the custody of the petitioner, the fact that there is no allegation of tampering of evidence, this application is allowed.

9. Let the petitioner, above named, be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge, Economic Offences, Patna/ concerned Court below in connection with DRI PS Case No. 14 of 2022 and Economic Offence (Customs) Case No. 361(C) of 2022, subject to the condition that the both the bailors should be the blood



relatives of the petitioner. Further, the petitioner shall surrender his passport, if any, at the time of furnishing the bail bonds and shall also co-operate in the trial.

(Sandeep Kumar, J)

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