

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.74679 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-233 Year-2024 Thana- GORIAKOTHI District- Siwan

Umesh Sah S/o Late Ramji Sah Resident of Village - Kokil Hata, P.S. - Gorea
Kothi, District - Siwan

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Bijay Prakash Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Parmeshwar Mehta, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 05-02-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the State.

2. Petitioner apprehends arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act.

3 . According to F.I.R., on the alleged date and time of occurrence , on the basis of secret information, a raid was conducted in the house of this petitioner and 2334.350 Kg rice was recovered which was allegedly kept for black marketing.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. As a matter of fact, petitioner is a farmer and engaged in sale and purchase of foodgrains and has purchased the aforesaid rice from small vendors for resale. Petitioner is not a PDS dealer and as such, the rice in question cannot be said to be kept for black



marketing Petitioner claims clean antecedent. Similarly situated co-accused persons has already been granted bail by this Hon'ble Court vide order dated 13.08.2025 in Cr. Misc. No. 53145 of 2025 .

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State vehemently opposed the bail application.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, this anticipatory bail is allowed and it is ordered that let the above named petitioner in the event of his arrest/surrender before the court below within a period of eight weeks from today, be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Siwan in connection with GoreyaKothi P. S. Case No. 233 of 2024, subject to condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 .

(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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