IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.79962 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011177332026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-216 Year-2026 Thana- CHANDRAMANDI District- Jamui

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Navneet Kumar S/o Pintu Kumar @ Manoj Ray, Resident of Village - Jaithpur, P.S. - Barahaiya, District - Lakhisarai, Bihar.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Prabhojot Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Khurshid Anwar, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR JHA

ORAL ORDER

2 05-11-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. In the present case, the petitioner seeks bail in connection with Chandramandi P.S. Case No. 216 of 2026 dated 29.09.2026, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, upon receiving information about smuggling of illicit liquor in two vehicles, checking of vehicles was started. On seeing police vehicle, two persons tried to run away with their vehicles. However, one of the vehicles was intercepted and two persons were apprehended including this petitioner from the said vehicle. Another vehicle with its travellers fled away taking advantage of darkness and forest area. From search of the intercepted vehicle in which

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petitioner and co-accused were travelling, recovery of 346.26 of foreign liquor was made.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. Petitioner is neither owner nor driver of the seized vehicle in question and he had taken lift in the said vehicle and was not having any knowledge regarding liquor being loaded in the vehicle. Therefore, nothing incriminating has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner who is nineteen years of age. Learned counsel next submits that petitioner is having clean antecedent. Learned counsel lastly submits that petitioner is in custody since 30.09.2026.

5. Learned A.P.P. appearing on behalf of the State vehemently opposes the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner.

6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances and submissions made on behalf of the parties and considering the nature of recovery and period of custody of the petitioner, the petitioner, above-named, is directed to be released on bail, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the

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satisfaction of learned Presiding Officer, Exclusive Excise Court-I, Jamui / concerned Court, in connection with **Chandramandi P.S. Case No. 216 of 2026**, subject to the condition laid down under Section 480(3) of the B.N.S.S. and other following conditions:

(i) One of the bailors will be a close relative of the petitioner.

(ii) The petitioner will remain present on each and every date fixed by the court below, if so required by the learned trial Court.

(iii) In case of absence on three consecutive dates or in violation of the terms of the bail, the bail bond of the petitioner will be liable to be cancelled by the Court concerned.

(Arun Kumar Jha, J)

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