

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.83574 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-467 Year-2025 Thana- RAMNAGAR District- West Champaran

Harihar Prasad S/o Ram Barai Prasad R/o Village- Bela Gola, Ward No.20,
Hari Nagar, Dist- West Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Ms. Prerna Anand, Mr. Rahul Anand, Advocates

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Umeshanand Pandit, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 06-01-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the State.

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

3. Prosecution case, in brief, is that during inspection of the PDS shop of the petitioner, 433.84 quintals of foodgrains were found short from the godown.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. Present F.I.R. has been lodged after about four years of the alleged inspection which was done during the Corona period and without proper verification, shortage of foodgrains were noted. Moreover PDS license of the petitioner has already been cancelled by the authorities concerned. Petitioner claims clean



antecedent.

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

6. Considering the fact that PDS license of the petitioner has already been cancelled and he claims clean antecedent, 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 learned Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Bagaha, West Champaran in connection with Ramnagar P. S. Case No. 467 of 2025, 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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