

COURT OF DISTRICT & ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE- IIIrd, SAHARSA
Present- Chandan Kumar

Regular Bail Application No.-236/2026

Arising out of Saharsa Sadar P.S. case no.- 322/2026

Manish Kumar

Petitioner

Versus

State of Bihar

Opp. Party

Date of order or proceeding	Order with signature of the court	Office action taken with date
23.04.2026	1. The present bail petition has been filed on behalf of accused petitioner Manish Kumar who is in custody since 26-03-2026 in connection with Saharsa Sadar PS Case No.-322/2026 registered for the offences punishable U/S 7 of Essential Commodities Act. The record has been put up for hearing. 2. Heard learned counsel Vindeshwari Bhagat for the petitioner as well as learned Spl. PP for the State. 3. The case of prosecution in brief as per written information of Rahul Kumar Mishra said to be Block Supply Inspector, Kahra, Saharsa is that on 25.03.2026 a raid headed by the SDO and SDPO was conducted at a place said to be Om Computer in the house of Manish Kumar. Further in said raid 21 empty domestic gas cylinders have been recovered. Further on being asked said Manish Kumar disclosed that he is having 21 cylinders in the capacity of village level entrepreneur under Rajnandan Bharat Gas Agency, however, on being verified it appears that the Memorandum of Understanding is in the name of the name of one Nasrin Praveen as Village Level Entrepreneur and not in the name of present petitioner. Further the recovered gas cylinders have been handed over to the Aasha Bharat Gas Agency and thereafter it has been prayed that case be registered for hoarding of gas cylinders for the purpose of black marketing. 4. Learned counsel for petitioner submitted that petitioner is quite innocent and has committed no	

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