



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(@ SLP(CRL.) No.6259/2026)

JAIKANT RAI @ JAYKANT RAY
@ JAY KANT RAY

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF BIHAR

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the appellant and the learned counsel appearing for the respondent-State.
3. The appellant seeks regular bail in connection with FIR No.144 of 2024, registered at Police Station- Mehandiganj, District- Patna for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) and 45 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.
4. Considering the period of incarceration undergone by the appellant and the factum of the

charge-sheet having been filed, continuous incarceration of the appellant is not required.

5. Considering the aforesaid position, we are inclined to set aside the impugned order passed by the High Court and grant bail to the appellant.
6. Accordingly, the impugned order stands set aside, and the appellant is granted bail, subject to the terms and conditions that may be imposed by the concerned Trial Court.
7. The appeal stands allowed, accordingly.
8. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.
[NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH]

NEW DELHI;
27th May, 2026

ITEM NO.21

COURT NO.5

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s). 6259/2026
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 09-10-2025 in CRMN No. 46157/2025 passed by
the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

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Petitioner(s)

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Respondent(s)

Date : 27-05-2026 This petition was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) : Ms. Ana Upadhyay, Adv.
Mr. Shubhansh Patel, Adv.
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Mr. Siddhesh Shirish Kotwal, AOR

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Samir Ali Khan, AOR
Mr. Pranjal Sharma, Adv.
Mr. Kashif Irshad Khan, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.
Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed

of.

(SWETA BALODI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS
(Signed order is placed on the file)

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR