

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.34669 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-149 Year-2024 Thana- MADHAURAH District- Saran

Chandrawati Devi Wife of Late Samir Manjhi Resident of Village - Mirzapur,
P.S. - Marhowrah, District - Saran, Bihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Avinash Kumar Pandey, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Kumar Ranjit Ranjan, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 16-05-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as
learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in anticipation of her arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act in connection with Marhowrah P.S. Case No.149 of 2024.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of recovery of 10 liters of liquor from the hut of the petitioner.

4. It is next submitted that petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was recovered from her conscious possession and after amendment in the Excise Act in the year 2018 the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It is also submitted that the house in question is a joint family property as such it cannot be alleged



with certainty that it was petitioner who had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house was within the knowledge of the petitioner and she came to be implicated at the instance of Chowkidar with whom her husband is on an inimical term.

5. The learned APP for the State opposes the anticipatory bail application.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner above-named, in the event of her arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of six weeks, is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail-bonds in the sum of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge-cum-Second Exclusive Special Excise Judge, Saran at Chapra in connection with Marhowrah P.S. Case No.149 of 2024, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. It is made clear that the learned trial court before accepting the bail bonds of the petitioner shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in the event, if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of even one case, in that



event, the present anticipatory bail order shall not be given effect.

8. The application stands allowed.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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