

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.51843 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-59 Year-2024 Thana- PRANPUR District- Katihar

Santosh Singh @ Santosh Mahaldar Son of Late Suren Mahaldar R/O Vill.-
Kehuniya, Kevat Tola, P.S.- Prampur, Dist.- Katihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Kunwar Ajit Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Gulnar Begum, A.P.P.

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER**

- 2 01-08-2024 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P. for the State.
2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case registered
for the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner is a person with clean antecedent.
4. Allegation is of recovery of 13.250 litres of liquor from
the courtyard of the petitioner.
5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from his 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 further submitted
that the house in question is a joint family property, as such, it cannot
be alleged with certainty that it was the petitioner who had kept the



liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house was within his knowledge. It is next submitted that petitioner came to be implicated based on the secret information which is the easiest way to implicate someone.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

7. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, let the petitioner above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of six weeks from today, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court below where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Pranpur P.S. Case No. 59 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

8. However, the learned trial court, before accepting the bail bonds of the petitioner, shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and 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 to.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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