

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.14600 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-915 Year-2024 Thana- JAHANABAD District- Jehanabad

Kavita Devi, Wife of Ashok Manjhi Village -Sukhnandan Chak, Tola amiya
Bigha, PS -Sikariya Dist -Jehanabad

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ashok Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Manoj Kumar

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 02-04-2025 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
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 Excise Act.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and is a woman
and allegation is of recovery of 30 litres of liquor from the
house of petitioner.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from her conscious possession and after Amendment
in the Excise Act, 2018, the concept of deemed possession and
presumed offender has been done away with and even the house



is a joint family property and thus, 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 her knowledge and she came to be implicated by local villager, but then, the name of the person, who disclosed the name of the petitioner is not disclosed in the F.I.R., which cast an aspersion on the case of the prosecution.

5. Learned A.P.P. 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 provisional anticipatory bail on her 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 Special Excise-II, Jehanabad in connection with Jehanabad (Sikariya) P. S. Case No.915 of 2024, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. The application stands allowed.

8. It is made clear that the learned trial Court after accepting the provisional 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 provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but if on verification, it is found that petitioner is a person with clean antecedent, in that event, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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