

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.8480 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-955 Year-2024 Thana- SIKARPUR District- West Champaran

Sheshnath Khatik Son of Late Bal Kuwar Khatik Resident of Village - Pokhra
Chowk, Ward No.- 16, P.S.- Shikarpur, District - West Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sharad Kumar Verma, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Zainul Abedin, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 07-03-2025 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 has antecedent of two cases.

4. Allegation is of recovery of 20 litres of liquor from
a place near the pond.

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 even the alleged
recovery is from a place which does not belong to the petitioner
and is accessible to public at large. It is further submitted that
petitioner came to be implicated at the instance of the local



persons but then the name of the person who disclosed the name of the petitioner is not disclosed in the FIR which casts an aspersion on the case of the prosecution. It is next submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise the police start implicating mechanically.

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 provisional anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) 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 Shikarpur P.S. FIR No. 955 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

8. It is made clear that thereafter the learned trial court shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than two cases in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed but if it is found on verification that petitioner has



antecedent of only two cases in that event the provisional
anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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