

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.15192 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-556 Year-2024 Thana- PIRPAINTI District- Bhagalpur

Manisha Kumari, Wife of Amitabh Bachchan @ Amitabh Bachchan Marandi
R/o village - Hujurnagar, P.S.- Pirpainti, Dist.- Bhagalpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Davendra Kumar Pandey
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Abhay Kumar Roy

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 out of which, 10 litres of liquor is alleged to have been recovered from the house of Kavita Devi and 20 litres of liquor is alleged to have been recovered from the house of the 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. It is further submitted that 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 at the instance of Chaukidar, with whom her husband is on an inimical term.

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 District & Additional Sessions Judge-12th-cum- Special Excise Judge-2, Bhagalpur in connection with Pirpainty P. S. Case No.556 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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