

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23311 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-342 Year-2024 Thana- IMAMGANJ District- Gaya

Rinki Devi @ Rinku Devi (Aged about-35 Years, Female) W/o- Arbind Bharti
@ Arvind Bhuiyan, Resident of Village - Paeswa, Pasewa Nakati, P.S.-
Imamganj, District- Gaya.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Arvind Kumar Singh, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Rajendra Nath Jha, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 30-04-2025 Heard Mr. Arvind Kumar Singh, learned counsel

appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Rajendra Nath Jha,

learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection
with Imamganj P.S. Case No. 342 of 2024 registered for the
offence punishable under Section 30 (a) of the Bihar Prohibition
and Excise Act as amended up-to-date.

3. Allegation is of recovery of 15 litres of country-
made liquor from the house of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated
in the case due to local village politics. Petitioner has no
concern with the seized liquor nor she is involved in trade of



liquor in any manner. The house from which the alleged recovery of liquor was made, is a joint house and the petitioner, who is a lady, had no knowledge about keeping of the liquor in it. Petitioner has clean antecedent. On these grounds, petitioner seeks to be released on pre-arrest bail.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner and submits that due to sale and consumption of illicit liquor, day after day, hooch tragedy occurs and the State Officials of different department appears to have facilitated smuggling and trade of illicit liquor inside the State of Bihar. As such, involvement of the petitioner cannot be ruled out from illicit trade of liquor.

6. Considering the allegation made in the FIR, as well as, the fact that the house from which the alleged recovery of liquor was made, is a joint house and the petitioner, who is a lady, had no knowledge about keeping of the liquor in it and the petitioner has clean antecedent, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his/her arrest or surrender before the learned District Court within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of



the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Exclusive Excise Judge No. 2, Gaya, in connection with Imamganj P.S. Case No. 342 of 2024, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. The learned District Court is directed to verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner as stated in paragraph no. 3 of the bail application. If any other case is pending against the petitioner as what has been stated in paragraph no. 3, this order will lose its force automatically.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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