

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30606 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-298 Year-2024 Thana- MOHANPUR District- Gaya

Sunita Devi W/o - Kailash Chaudhary R/o vill - Dhamni, P.S. - Mohanpur,
Distt. - Gaya

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Pradeep Narain Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 14-05-2025 Heard Mr. Abhay Kumar Singh, learned counsel for
the petitioner and Mr. Pradeep Narain Kumar, learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending her arrest in
connection with Mohanpur P.S. Case No. 298 of 2024, F.I.R
dated 2010.2024 registered for the offences punishable under
Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment)
Act, 2018.

3. Recovery is of 43.125 liters of Indian made
foreign liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner has clean antecedent and she has falsely been
implicated in the present case merely on the ground that she is
the owner of the vehicle in question. He further submits that it



appears from the F.I.R as well as seizure list that nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner rather the recovery has been made from the motorcycle in question. He further submits that the co-accused, Kailash Chaudhary was apprehended along with the illicit liquor and the motorcycle in question and the said Kailash Chaudhary is the husband of the petitioner. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr.P.C / Section 103 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner referring the provision contained in Section 76(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and submitted that the pre-arrest bail would not be maintainable.

6. This court is aware of the decision of the Full Bench in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar** reported in **2019(2) P.L.J.R. 1089**. Having regard to the law laid down in the aforesaid judgment and the submission advanced on behalf of the parties, this Court, for the limited purpose of grant of anticipatory bail, is inclined to accept the submission of



counsel for the petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts that nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner, she has been made accused only on the ground that she is owner of the vehicle in question, apprehended co-accused is happened to be husband of the petitioner and the petitioner has clean antecedent, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of her arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the order, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Exclusive Special Excise Court No. V, Gaya in connection with Mohanpur P.S. Case No. 298 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure / Section 482(2) of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and with other following conditions:-

i. Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be properly represented on each and every date fixed by the court and shall remain physically present as directed by the court and on her absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, her bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

ii. If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the



witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

iii. And further condition that the court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed her criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Rajesh Kumar Verma, J)

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