

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.61143 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-267 Year-2024 Thana- PIPRAKOTHI District- East Champaran

1. Rajdev Manjhi S/o Budhu Manjhi R/o vill - Jhakhra Balua, Mushari Tola, P.S.- Piprakothi, Distt.- East Champaran
2. Punam Manjhi W/o Rajdev Manjhi R/o vill - Jhakhra Balua, Mushari Tola, P.S.- Piprakothi, Distt.- East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Madhurendra Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sunil Kumar Pandey, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

3 23-12-2025 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioners apprehend their arrest in a case registered for the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner no. 1 has antecedent of one case and petitioner no. 2 is a person with clean antecedent and is a woman and allegation is of recovery of 40 litres of liquor from a sack.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners were not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was recovered from their conscious possession and even the alleged recovery is from a place which does not belong to the



petitioners and they have no concern with the alleged sack. It is further submitted that petitioners came to be implicated based on the confessional statement of Parmanand Mahto in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value in the eye of law.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, let the petitioners above-named, in the event of their arrest or surrender before the learned trial court within a period of six weeks from today, be released on provisional anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned trial court where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Piprakothi P.S. Case No. 267 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. It is made clear that thereafter the learned trial court shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioners and if it is found that petitioner no. 1 has antecedent of more than one case and petitioner no. 2 has antecedent of even one case, it would be presumed that petitioners had concealed their



antecedent before this Court at para 3 of the anticipatory bail application in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed but if it is found on verification that petitioner no. 1 has antecedent of only one case and petitioner no. 2 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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