

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.72024 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-293 Year-2025 Thana- MAHARAJGANJ District- Siwan

Antesh Kumar Manjhi S/o- Alakhdeo Manjhi Resident of Village and Post -
Bankat, P.S. - Bhagwanpur Hat, District – Siwan Petitioner/s
Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Adarsh Ranjan

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sanjay Kumar

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 15-10-2025 Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case registered for the offences under Sections 30(a), 41(1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act, 2022.

3. As per the FIR, during vehicle checking at Kapiya Shiv Mandir, the informant saw a car approaching. The driver tried to flee but was apprehended. Upon search, 25.125 liters of Indian Made Foreign Liquor was recovered from the car and seized along with the vehicle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entirely innocent and has been falsely implicated in the instant case solely because the petitioner is the owner of the seized car. As a matter of fact, the car was being driven by Sitaram Kumar, and the petitioner had no knowledge about the transportation of illicit liquor. It is further submitted that the



petitioner that there is no recovery from the conscious possession of the petitioner. Lastly, the petitioner has no criminal antecedent.

5. Learned APP for the State opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

6. Regard being had to the submission made by the parties, taking into consideration the fact that illicit liquor has not been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Let the petitioner, above named, be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or surrender before the Court below within a period of four weeks from today on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Exclusive Special Judge, Court No.1, Siwan in connection with Maharajganj P.S. Case No.293 of 2025 subject to the condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.

(Ajit Kumar, J)

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