

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.82548 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-384 Year-2025 Thana- EXCISE MASAUDHI District- Patna

Savita Devi W/o Shashikant Kumar Resident of Village - Barsima Barsiwan,
P.S - Fatepur, District -Gaya (Bihar), Pin - 824232

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Ritwaj Raman, Advocate Mrs. Shashi Priya, Advocate Ms. Pankhuri, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s :		Mr. Ganesh Prasad Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 10-12-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending her arrest in connection with Masaurhi P.S. Case No.384 of 2025, F.I.R dated 18.08.2025 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 30(a) and 32(3) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act, 2018.

3. As per the prosecution case, on the morning of August 18, 2025, the Informant received secret intelligence at 6:00 AM regarding a Bolero Pickup (Registration No. BR 02 GD- 0693) transporting foreign liquor from Jharkhand to Patna. Acting on this information and senior directives, a police team was constituted and deployed to the Nadaul check-post by 8:20



AM. At approximately 10:00 AM, the identified vehicle was intercepted; however, the driver became evasive upon being questioned. This search resulted in the recovery of 892.440 litres of foreign-made liquor, which had been concealed within the engine cabin and the body of the vehicle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner fairly submits that though this petitioner is a housewife and does not even know how to drive but is the owner of the car, which is said to have been used in the present case, which was being driven by the driver at the time of arrest with the seized liquor in question. It has next been submitted that the person, who was driving the car in which the seized articles are said to have been recovered, has already been arrested and is in judicial custody and this petitioner is a lady and has no criminal antecedent.

5. Learned APP for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail application.

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 constructive possession and / or premises belonging to the petitioner and the person, who was driving the car in which the seized articles are said to have been recovered, has already been arrested and is in judicial custody



and the petitioner is in no way connected with the seized articles, accordingly, 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 Special Judge, Excise-II, Patna, in connection with Masaurhi P.S. Case No.384 of 2025 subject to the condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S., 2023.

(Ajit Kumar, J)

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