

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2371 of 2026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-443 Year-2025 Thana- MASHRAK District- Saran

Santosh Choudhary Son of Late Raghunath Choudhary R/o - Village - Sikti  
Bhikham, P.S - Mashrakh, District - Saran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjay Kumar Jha

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Damodar Prasad Tiwary

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA**  
**ORAL ORDER**

2      27-01-2026              1.    Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and  
learned A.P.P. for the State.

2.    The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case  
registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the  
Bihar Excise Act.

3.    Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the  
petitioner has antecedent of two cases under the Excise Act and  
allegation is of recovery of 37 litres of liquor along with 1760  
litres semi-manufactured liquor from a place near the house of  
Bachendra Chaudhary.

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



and he has no concern or relation with Bachendra Chaudhary, but then he came to be implicated based on secret information which is the easiest way to implicate someone. It is further submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise, the police starts implicating mechanically either at the instance of Chowkidar, local person, confessional statement or secret information without holding a proper investigation.

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

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner above-named, in the event of his 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. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) 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 Mashrakh P.S. Case No. 443 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. It is made clear that thereafter the learned Trial Court shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in the event if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than two cases then it would be presumed that petitioner, for the purposes of



seeking anticipatory bail, had concealed his antecedent before this Court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but after verification if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of two cases in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

8. At this stage, the learned counsel for the petitioner based on instruction submits that petitioner undertakes to deposit an amount of Rs. 2,500/- with Lawyers' Association, Patna High Court.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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