

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2831 of 2026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-111 Year-2024 Thana- PUNPUN District- Patna

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Santlal Manjhi @ Ritlal Manjhi Son of Late Tetar Manjhi Resident Of  
Village- Akauna, Ps- Punpun, Dist- Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ashok Kumar Sinha

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms.Renu Kumari

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

- 2      28-01-2026                      1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and  
learned APP for the State.
2. The petitioner seeks bail in anticipation of his  
arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under  
Section 30(a) of the Excise Act.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that  
the petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is  
of recovery of 15 litres of liquor from house of the petitioner.
4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that  
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was  
recovered from his conscious possession and even the house in  
question is a joint family property and thus, it cannot be alleged  
with certainty that it was the petitioner, who had kept the liquor  
in the house or the liquor kept in the house was within his



knowledge and after Amendment in the Excise Act, 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with and he came to be implicated at the instance of local person, but the name of the person, who disclosed the name of the petitioner is not disclosed in the F.I.R., which casts an aspersion on the case of the prosecution, when admittedly petitioner is a person with clean antecedent.

5. Learned A.P.P. opposes the anticipatory bail application.

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 Court below within a period of six weeks, is directed to be released on provisional anticipatory bail on his furnishing bail-bonds in the sum of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) 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 Punpun P. S. Case No.111 of 2024, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. The application stands allowed.

8. It is made clear that the learned trial Court after accepting the provisional bail bonds of the petitioner shall verify



the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in the event, if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of even one case, then it would be presumed that petitioner for the purposes of obtaining anticipatory bail had concealed his antecedent before this Court, in that event, the present provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but if on verification, it is found that petitioner is a person with clean antecedent, in that event, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

9. At this stage, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner based on instruction submits that petitioner undertakes to deposit an amount of Rs.15,00/- with Advocates' Association, Patna High Court, Patna.

**(Satyavrat Verma, J)**

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