

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.3942 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-457 Year-2021 Thana- SUGAULI District- East Champaran

Amitabh Ray @ Amitabh Bachchan @ Amitabh Bachchan Rai @ Amitav Bachchan Ray @ Amitav Ray S/o Upendra Ray R/o Village - Terasiya, P.S - Ganga Bridge, District - Vaishali

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Anish Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Md. Iftexhar Mahmood, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 29-01-2026 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 Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120B of the Indian Penal Code read with Section 30(a) of the Bihar Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has antecedent of ten cases out of which eight cases are under the excise act and allegation is of recovery of 4428.72 liters of liquor from a truck.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was not apprehended from the spot as such nothing was recovered from his conscious possession and is not the



owner of the seized vehicle and he came to be implicated based on confessional statement of apprehended accused in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value. It is also 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. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty 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 Sugauli P.S. Case No. 457 of 2021 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 ten 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 ten cases only, 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, undertakes to deposit an amount of Rs. 15,000/- with Advocates' Association, Patna High Court within a period of two weeks from today.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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