

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.10159 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-126 Year-2025 Thana- SATHI District- West Champaran

Rakesh Sah @ Rakesh Gond @ Rakesh Kumar S/o Shiv Shankar Sah @
Shavshankar Sah R/o Village- Basantpur, P.S- Sathi, Dist- West Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sujeet Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Umeshanand Pandit

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 15-04-2026 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 274 and 275 of the B.N.S. and Section 30(a) of the
Excise Act.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner has antecedent of six cases under the Excise Act
and allegation is of recovery of 75 litres of liquor from a sack
and from possession of Ganesh Mukhiya.

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 he came to be
implicated based on confessional statement of Ganesh in police



custody, which does not have any evidentiary value. It is next submitted that after Amendment in the Excise Act, 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It is next submitted that police in majority of cases implicating innocent persons either at the behest of Chaukidar, local person, secret information and confessional statement in a mechanical manner without holding a proper investigation. It is also submitted that petitioner earlier also came to be implicated in cases relating to excise in similar manner.

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.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty 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 Sathi P. S. Case No.126 of 2025, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.



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 more than six cases, 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 has antecedent of six cases only, in that event, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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