

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.7352 of 2026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-341 Year-2025 Thana- PIPRAKOTHI District- East Champaran

Srikant Sahani @ Shreekant Choudhary S/o- Ramchandra Sahani @  
Ramchandra Choudhary R/V- Panditpur Malahi Tola PS- Piprakothi District-  
East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Kundan Rathore Alias Kundan Kumar, Adv.  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Arun Kumar, A.P.P.

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

2      19-02-2026                      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 offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the  
Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that  
petitioner has antecedent of four cases out of which three cases  
are under the Excise Act and allegation is of recovery of 50  
litres of liquor from a motorcycle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that  
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was  
recovered from his conscious possession. It is further submitted  
that petitioner is not the owner of the seized vehicle and came to  
be implicated based on the confessional statement of Madan



Sahani in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value in the eye of law. It is next submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise the police start implicating mechanically either at the instance of the Chawkidar, local person, confessional statement or secret information without holding a proper investigation of the case.

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, let the petitioner above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be released on provisional anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty 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 Piprakothi P.S. Case No. 341 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C./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 if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than four cases, it would be presumed that petitioner had concealed his



antecedent before this Court at para 3 of the anticipatory bail application in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed but if it is found on verification that petitioner has antecedent of only four cases in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

**(Satyavrat Verma, J)**

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