

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.16176 of 2026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-286 Year-2025 Thana- ATHMALGOLA District- Patna

Raja singh @ Kumar Gautam Son of Vijay Singh R/o Village - Langarpur,  
P.S. - Barh, Dist. - Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Manoj Kumar Pandey, Advocate  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ramesh Chandra, A.P.P.

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

3      27-04-2026                      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 is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of  
recovery of 14.920 litres of liquor from possession of Sheikh  
Nasiruddin in an auto.

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  
apprehended accused, namely, Sheikh Nasiruddin in police



custody which does not have any evidentiary value in the eye of law. It is next submitted that after amendment in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with.

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 appearing on behalf of 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.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 Athmalgola P.S. Case No. 286 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C./482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

7. However, 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 even one case, 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 is a person with clean antecedent in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

**(Satyavrat Verma, J)**

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