

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.9957 of 2026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-42 Year-2023 Thana- KUTUMBA District- Aurangabad

Santosh Kumar @ Sanoth Kumar Son of Ashok Ram Resident of Village-  
Baraon Kala, P.S.- Akodhi Gola, District- Rohtas (Bihar)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Binod Kumar Pandey, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Md. Iftekhar Mahmood, A.P.P.

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

2      23-02-2026                      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, 2018.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that  
petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of  
recovery of 8.3 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 came to be implicated based on the fact that he is  
owner of the seized vehicle. It is next submitted that no prudent  
person would use his own vehicle for committing an occurrence  
and thus would create evidence against himself and hence



would get implicated. It is also submitted that petitioner was completely unaware that Mukesh Kumar would misuse the vehicle in the manner as alleged who was also apprehended from the spot.

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.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 Kutumba P.S. Case No. 42 of 2023, 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 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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