

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.12540 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-152 Year-2025 Thana- Excise Benipatti District- Madhubani

Chandan Paswan Son of Guru Sharan Paswan Resident of Village- Depura,
P.S.- Benipatti, District- Madhubani

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Shailendra Kumar Jha

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Kumar Veerendra Narayan

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 09-03-2026 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 Section 30(a) of the
Bihar Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of
recovery of 108 litres of liquor from three different vehicles.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession and is not the owner of
any of the seized vehicles and he came to be implicated based
on confessional statement of Sunil in police custody which does
not have any evidentiary value. It is also submitted that after



2018 amendment in the Excise Act, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It is reiterated and submitted that petitioner is a person with clean antecedent.

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 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 Excise Benipatti P.S. Case No. 152 of 2025, 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 even one case 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 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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