

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.13947 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-9 Year-2026 Thana- BODHGAYA District- Gaya

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1. Bindeshwar Manjhi @ Vindeshwar Manjhi @ Bada Manjhi @ Vineshar Manjhi Son of Late Fudani Manjhi R/o Village - Eastern Katorwa, P.S. - Bodh Gaya, Dist. - Gaya Jee.
 2. Gola Manjhi @ Thakur Manjhi Son of Late Fudani Manjhi R/o Village - Eastern Katorwa, P.S. - Bodh Gaya, Dist. - Gaya Jee.
 3. Nanhaka Manjhi @ Nanka Manjhi Son of Late Khiru Manjhi R/o Village - Eastern Katorwa, P.S. - Bodh Gaya, Dist. - Gaya Jee.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Arvind Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Abhay Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 2 12-03-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned A.P.P. for the State.
2. The petitioners apprehend their arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Excise Act.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners are persons with clean antecedent and allegation is of recovery of 20 liters of liquor from the house of the petitioners as detailed in the FIR.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners were not apprehended from the spot as such nothing



was recovered from their conscious possession and the house in question is a joint family property, as such, it cannot be alleged with certainty that it were petitioners who had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house was within their knowledge and after amendment in the excise act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with and they came to be implicated based on secret information which is the easiest way to implicate someone without holding a proper investigation, when petitioners admittedly are persons with clean antecedent.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the petitioners above-named, in the event of their arrest or surrender before the learned Trial Court within a period of six weeks from today, be released on **Provisional anticipatory bail** on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) each 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 Bodhgaya P.S. Case No. 09 of 2026 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 petitioners and in the event if it is found that any of the petitioners have antecedent of even one case then it would be presumed that petitioners, for the purposes of seeking anticipatory bail, had concealed their antecedent before this Court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but after verification if it is found that petitioners are persons with clean antecedent in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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