

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.13598 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-49 Year-2026 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Rohtas

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Dharmendra Sonkar @ Dharmendra Kumar S/o Late Raj Kumar Sonkar
Resident of Mohalla- Mubarakgnj, P.S- Sasaram Town, District- Rohtas

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shashi Kant

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Binod Kumar

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 12-03-2026 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 offence punishable under Sections 30(a) and
62 of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of
recovery of 14.25 litres of liquor from the house of Nagina
Kumar. It is next submitted that petitioner was not arrested
from the spot as such nothing was recovered from his conscious
possession and the house in question is a joint family property
as such it cannot be alleged with certainty that it was petitioner,
who had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the
house was within his 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 he came to be implicated based on the fact that he is son of Nagina and his father was made to confess the name of the petitioner. It is also submitted that confessional statement in police custody does not have any evidentiary value.

4. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

5. 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 Case No.274/2026 read with Sasaram Excise P.S. Case No.49/2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

6. It is made clear that the learned trial court thereafter shall verify the criminal antecedents of the petitioner and in the event if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of even one case, in that event, it would be presumed that petitioner had



concealed his antecedent before this court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed but if on verification 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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