

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.16629 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-346 Year-2025 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Kaimur (Bhabua)

Arif Khan Son of Md. Nesar Khan Resident of Village - Akhini, P.S. - Nuaon,
District - Kaimur at Bhabua.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rajani Kant Pandey, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Pushpa Sinha 1, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

3 06-04-2026 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 offences punishable under Sections 30(A),
32(i) and (iii), 41(i) and (ii) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise
(Amendment) Act, 2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of five cases out of which two cases
are under the Excise Act and allegation is of recovery of 630
litres of liquor from an Innova.

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 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. It is also submitted that off late the police have started implicating accused having antecedent in cases relating to liquor for obvious reason without holding a proper investigation of the case.

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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five Thousand) 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 Bhabua Excise P.S. Case No. 346 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 more than five cases, 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 has antecedent of only five cases in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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