

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18556 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-293 Year-2021 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.
District- Muzaffarpur

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Santosh Sahni, S/O Achal Sahni Resident of Village - Dakrama, P.S-
Hathouri, District- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State Of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Raju Kumar
		Mr. Shubham Samrat
		Mr. Abhash
		Mr. Kumar Gaurav
For the Opposite Party/s :		Mr. Kumar Ranjit Ranjan

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 2 16-04-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned APP for the State.
2. The petitioner seeks bail in anticipation of his
arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under
Sections 30(a), 30(c) and 36 of the Excise Act.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner has antecedent of three cases under the Excise Act
and allegation is of recovery of 73.44 litres of liquor along with
105 litres of liquor from village Dakrama.
4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession and even alleged



recovery is from a place, which does not belong to the petitioner and is accessible to public at large and he came to be implicated at the instance of local person, but the name of the person, who disclosed the name of the petitioner is not disclosed in the F.I.R., which casts an aspersion on the case of the prosecution, when petitioner has not been implicated based on secret information. It is next submitted that police in majority of cases implicating innocent persons either at the behest of Chaukidar, local person, secret information and confessional statement in a mechanical manner without holding a proper investigation. It is also submitted that petitioner in similar manner earlier also came to be implicated in cases relating to excise.

5. Learned A.P.P. opposes the anticipatory bail application.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner, above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of six weeks, is directed to be released on provisional anticipatory bail on his furnishing bail-bonds in the sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen 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 Excise Case No.293 of 2021 arising out of P.R. No.31 of 2021, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. The application stands allowed.

8. It is made clear that the learned trial Court after accepting the provisional bail bonds of the petitioner shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in the event, if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than three cases, then it would be presumed that petitioner for the purposes of obtaining anticipatory bail had concealed his antecedent before this Court, in that event, the present provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but if on verification, it is found that petitioner has antecedent of three cases only, in that event, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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