

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.17637 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-29 Year-2026 Thana- RAJAOLI District- Nawada

Ranjan Kumar S/o Ramashish Prasad R/o Village - Andharwari, P.S - Rajauli,
District - Nawada

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sheo Kumar Prasad, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Abhay Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AJIT KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 25-03-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Rajauli P.S. Case No.29 of 2026, F.I.R dated 17.01.2026 registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act, 2018.

3. As per the prosecution case, in brief, is that the informant, along with police personnel, proceeded from the police station to conduct a raid. During the course of the raid, the informant received secret information that the petitioner, namely Ranjan Kumar, had stored illicit liquor near a temple in village Kangobigha. Upon reaching the spot, the police noticed one person who, on seeing them, fled away and managed to



escape. Thereafter, a search was conducted and 140 litres of illicit mahua liquor was recovered. The local Chaukidar identified the person who had fled as the petitioner, Ranjan Kumar. Subsequently, the seized articles were taken into custody and a seizure list was prepared.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the recovery has been made from an open place under the palm tree, standing in an open field and is accessible to general public, and the petitioner is in no way connected with the seized articles and merely on the basis of suspicion and disclosure by the local chowkidaar, the petitioner has been implicated in the present case. It has further been submitted that the petitioner has one criminal antecedent in which the petitioner is on bail.

5. Learned APP for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail application.

6. Regard being had to the submission made by the parties, taking into consideration the fact that illicit liquor has not been recovered from the constructive possession and / or premises belonging to the petitioner and the petitioner is in no way connected with the seized articles and merely on the basis of suspicion and disclosure by the local chowkidaar, the petitioner has been implicated in the present case, accordingly,



this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7. Let the petitioner, above named, be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of four weeks from today on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (rupees ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Exclusive Special Court Excise-2, Nawada, in connection with Rajauli P.S. Case No.29 of 2026, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S., 2023.

(Ajit Kumar, J)

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