

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18386 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-99 Year-2022 Thana- GHOGHARDIHA District- Madhubani

Mannan Lal Mahto @ Manna Lal Mahto S/o Jugut Lal Mahto R/o - Chhotaki
Sangi, P.S - Phulparas, District - Madhubani

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Arvind Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Braj Kishore Pd.(App)

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 25-03-2026 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 Section 30(a) of
Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of four cases under the Excise Act and
allegation is of recovery of 15 litres of liquor from a motorcycle.
It is next submitted that petitioner was not arrested from the spot
as such nothing was recovered from his conscious possession
and he came to be implicated based on the fact that he is owner
of the seized vehicle. It is next submitted that no prudent person
would use his own vehicle for committing an occurrence and
thus would create evidence against himself and hence would get



implicated. It is also submitted that the petitioner was completely unaware that Bhagwan Lal Mahto would misuse his vehicle in the manner as alleged who was also apprehended from the spot.

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.20,000/- (Rupees twenty 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 Ghoghardiha P.S. Case No.99/2022, 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 more than four cases, 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 has antecedent of four cases, in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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