

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.19356 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-161 Year-2022 Thana- GAURICHAK District- Patna

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1. Shatranj Manjhi S/O Mahendra Manjhi R/O Vill.- Birju Bigha (Dagarapar),
P.s.- Gaurichak, Dist.- Patna.
 2. Surendra Manjhi S/O Viphan Manjhi R/O Vill.- Birju Bigha (Dagarapar),
P.s.- Gaurichak, Dist.- Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ashok Kumar Sinha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Veena Kumari Jaiswal, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 26-03-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and
learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioners apprehend their arrest in a case
registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the
Bihar Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that
petitioners are persons with clean antecedent and allegation is of
recovery of 12 liters of liquor from a gallon.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that
petitioners were not apprehended from the spot as such nothing
was recovered from their conscious possession and even alleged
recovery is from a place which does not belong to the



petitioners and is accessible to public at large and they came to be implicated at the instance of local person, but then the name of the person who disclosed the name of the petitioners is not disclosed in the FIR which casts an aspersion on the case of the prosecution and petitioners have not been implicated based on secret information and admittedly are persons with clean antecedent.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the petitioners above-named, in the event of their arrest or surrender before the learned Trial Court within a period of six weeks from today, be released on **Provisional anticipatory bail** on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) each 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 Gaurichak P.S. Case No. 161 of 2022 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of the BNSS.

7. It is made clear that thereafter the learned Trial Court shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioners and in the event if it is found that any of the petitioners have antecedent of even one case then it would be presumed that petitioners, for the



purposes of seeking anticipatory bail, had concealed their antecedent before this Court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed with respect to that petitioner who had concealed his antecedent, but after verification if it is found that petitioners are persons with clean antecedent in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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