

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18657 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-321 Year-2025 Thana- SARAI District- Vaishali

Sangita Devi Wife of Rakesh Ram Resident of Village - Akbar Malahi, Teliya Sarae, Police Station - Sarai in the District of Vaishali.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ranjeet Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pandey

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR SINHA

ORAL ORDER

- 2 16-04-2026 1. Heard learned Counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.
2. This application, for grant of anticipatory bail, arises out of Sarai Police Station Case No. 321 of 2025, disclosing offences under Sections 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.
3. The prosecution case, in brief, is that on 30.12.2025, during a raid conducted on the basis of secret information regarding illegal liquor trade, the police recovered 7 liters of country-made liquor from the co-accused. Subsequently, upon proceeding near the petitioner's house, a woman fled on seeing the police, and on search, 20 liters of country-made liquor was recovered from behind the petitioner's



house, for which a seizure list was duly prepared.

4. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the present case on the basis of suspicion. The alleged recovery of 20 liters of country-made liquor was not made from her conscious possession but from behind a joint family house, with which she has no concern or knowledge. In the seizure list, the name of petitioner and the place from where the liquor has been recovered is also not mentioned. Petitioner is having no criminal antecedent.

5. Having regard to the submissions made on behalf of the parties and taking into consideration the fact that in the seizure list, the name of the petitioner is not there and the place of seizure is also not available and as per the FIR, the liquor has been recovered from behind the house of the petitioner and not from inside the house and the petitioner is having no criminal antecedent, I am inclined to grant the petitioner privilege of anticipatory bail.

6. This application is, accordingly, allowed.

7. Let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the Court below within four weeks, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.



10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Exclusive Special Court (2nd) cum Additional District and Sessions Judge, Vaishali at Hajipur, in connection with Sarai Police Station Case No. 321 of 2025, subject to the condition laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure/Section 482(2) of the BNSS, 2023.

(Anil Kumar Sinha, J)

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