

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.18893 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-534 Year-2025 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Muzaffarpur

Sonu Kumar Sah @ Sonu Kumar @ Sonu Sah S/o- Late Rambalak Sah R/o
Vill- Sahbajpur PS- Ahiyapur Dist- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Anunay Shahi, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 26-03-2026 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 offences punishable under Sections 30(a) and
32(3) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act,
2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of five cases out of which four cases
are under the Excise Act and allegation is of recovery of 144
litres of liquor from a litchi orchard and 105 litres of liquor from
a car.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession. It is further submitted
that petitioner is neither the owner of the seized car nor the litchi



orchard belongs to him. It is next submitted that petitioner came to be implicated based on the secret information which is the easiest way to implicate someone. It is also submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise the police start implicating mechanically either at the instance of the Chawkidar, local person, confessional statement or secret information without holding a proper investigation of the case.

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

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, let 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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five 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 Muzaffarpur Excise P.S. Case No. 534 of 2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C./482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

7. However, it is made clear that thereafter the learned Trial Court shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner



and if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than five cases, it would be presumed that petitioner had concealed his antecedent before this Court at para 3 of the anticipatory bail application in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed but if it is found on verification that petitioner has antecedent of only five cases in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

Kundan/-

U		T	
---	--	---	--

