

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.20779 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-16 Year-2026 Thana- Chhaudahi District- Begusarai

Shrilal Sahni Son of Late Baunu Sahni Resident of Village- Ekamba, P.S.-
Chhaurahi, Dist.- Begusarai, State- Bihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Shreekant Vaidya, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Rajesh Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY
ORAL ORDER

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Heard the parties.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Chhaurahi P.S. Case No. 16 of 2026 for the offence under sections 30(a) and 30(d) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act lodged on 30.01.2026 by the informant, Roshan Prasad.

3. As per the prosecution story, the Police on secret information reached near the pond and there is recovery/seizure of 15 liter country made liquor. The Chowkidar named this petitioner. This led to the FIR.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that earlier he was made accused in one case relating to the Excise Act and this gave opportunity to Chowkidar to implicate him, he



has no role to play in the matter nor anything recovered from his conscious possession.

5. Further, learned counsel for the petitioner relied on the judgment of the Full Bench of Hon'ble Patna High Court in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar** reported in **2019 (2) PLJR 1089** wherein it has been held that an application for anticipatory bail in a case arising out of Bihar Excise and Prohibition Act can be maintained, despite the bar under Section 76(2) of the Act, if on the basis of allegation made in the FIR, no offence under the said provision is made out.

6. Learned APP opposes the prayer submitting that he has criminal antecedent.

7. Taking into account the submissions of the parties and the judgment in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav (supra)**, as also that nothing has been recovered from his conscious possession, in that background, this Court is inclined to extend him the privilege of anticipatory bail with conditions.

8. Let the petitioner be released on bail in the event of arrest or surrender within a period of four weeks from the receipt of this order, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the



satisfaction of learned District and Additional Sessions Judge-3-cum-Exclusively Special Excise Court-1, Begusarai in connection with Chhaurahi P.S. Case No. 16 of 2026 subject to the following conditions:

(i) one of the bailor should be the family member/relative of the petitioner who shall provide official document to show his/her bona fide;

(ii) the petitioner shall be appearing before the Police Station as and when required for cooperating in the investigation;

(iii) the petitioner shall appear on each and every date before the Trial Court and failure to do so for two consecutive dates without plausible reason will entail cancellation of his bail bond by the Trial Court itself;

(iv) the petitioner shall appear before the concerned police station every fortnight for six months to mark his attendance and after the end of the period, the certificate shall be submitted before the Trial Court failing which steps shall be taken for the cancellation of the bail bonds;

(v) the petitioner shall in no way try to induce or promise or threat the witnesses or tamper with the evidences, failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for



cancellation of the bail bonds;

(vi) the petitioner shall desist from committing any criminal offence again, failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of his bail bonds.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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