

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23271 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-739 Year-2025 Thana- RAJGIR District- Nalanda

1. Bigan Manjhi Son of Doman Manjhi Resident Of Village- Hasanpur, Ward No 4, Ps- Rajgir, District- Nalanda, Bihar
2. Basant Manjhi son of Shiv Manjhi Resident Of Village- Hasanpur, Ward No 4, Ps- Rajgir, District- Nalanda, Bihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Deepak Kumar

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 09-04-2026 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 the petitioners are person with clean antecedent and allegation is of recovery of 21 litres of liquor from a place near a pond in front of the house of the petitioners.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners were not arrested from the spot as such nothing was recovered from their conscious possession and even the alleged



recovery is from a place which does not belong to the petitioners but then is adjacent to their house and they came to be implicated at the instance of Chowkidar with whom they are on an inimical term. It is next submitted that if Chowkidar was aware about the involvement of the petitioners in the occurrence, then why he did not inform the police prior to institution of the instant FIR, which casts an aspersion on the case of the prosecution.

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 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 Rajgir P.S. Case No. 739 of 2025 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 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 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 criminal antecedent before this Court, but after verification if it is found that petitioners are person with clean antecedent in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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