

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.22181 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-197 Year-2025 Thana- LAUKAHA District- Madhubani

1. Nandeswar Mandal @ Nandeshwar Mandal Son of Late Ganeshi Mandal Resident of Village-Channipur Police Station-Laukaha District-Madhubani
2. Ram Praves Mandal @ Shree Ram Mandal @ Ram Pravesh Mandal Son of Dular Mandal Resident of Village-Channipur Police Station-Laukaha District-Madhubani

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ashok Kumar Prasad
For the Opposite Party/s : Ms.Veena Kumari Jaiswal

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 07-04-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioners seek bail in anticipation of their arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Sections 274, 275 and 3(5) of the B.N.S. and Sections 30(a) and 41(1) of the Excise Act.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are persons with clean antecedent and the allegation is of recovery of 540 litres of liquor from a Maruti car.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners were not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was



recovered from their conscious possession and are not the owner of the seized vehicle and they came to be implicated based on confessional statement of apprehended accused in police custody, which does not have any evidentiary value. It is further submitted that after Amendment in the Excise Act, 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with.

5. Learned A.P.P. opposes the anticipatory bail application.

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 Court below within a period of six weeks, is directed to be released on provisional anticipatory bail on their furnishing bail-bonds in the sum 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 Laukaha P. S. Case No.197 of 2025, G.R. No.763 of 2025, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. The application stands allowed.

8. It is made clear that the learned trial Court after



accepting the provisional bail bonds of the petitioners 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 obtaining anticipatory bail had concealed their antecedent before this Court, in that event, the present provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but if on verification, 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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