

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.22686 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-23 Year-2026 Thana- SIMRAHA District- Araria

Sanjhali Devi @ Most. Hanju @ Masomat Sanjhali Devi @ Most. Sanjhali
Wife of Late Binod Murmu R/O Village- Kurwa Laxmipur Ward, No. 10,
P.S.- Simraha, Distt.- Araria State- Bihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Patna

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Madhav Jha, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Dr. Kumar Uday Pratap, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN
ORAL ORDER

2 16-04-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending arrest in connection
with Simraha P.S. Case No. 23 of 2026 lodged on 27.01.2026,
for the offence punishable under section 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

3. As per the prosecution, FIR has been lodged against
four named accused persons including the present petitioner.
Total recovery of 20 litres of illicit liquor has been made, which
is the subject matter of the present case.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. Counsel



submits that nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner and the alleged recovery has been made from a house which is situated at open place. Counsel further submits that the name of the petitioner has figured in this case only on the basis of suspicion and dirty village politics. Counsel further submits that the petitioner is a lady aged about 52 years, having clean antecedent.

5. Learned APP for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

6. In the present facts and circumstances of this case, let the above named petitioner be released on anticipatory bail, in the event of arrest or surrender before the Trial Court within a period of 4 weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand) as mentioned in Section 2(1)(d) of the B.N.S.S., 2023 to the satisfaction of Exclusive Special Judge-I Excise Court, Araria, in connection with Simraha P.S. Case No. 23 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down U/s 482(2) of the B.N.S.S., 2023.

7. The Trial Court is directed to verify the criminal antecedent(s) of the petitioner, and in case, it is found at any stage that the petitioner has concealed the fact about her criminal antecedent(s), the Trial Court shall take steps for



cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of the bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for the purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Dr. Anshuman, J)

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