

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.22120 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-47 Year-2026 Thana- AURANGABAD TOWN District-
Aurangabad

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Rajesh Chaudhary Son of Late Kohan Chaudhary Resident of Muhalla-
Biratpur Chaudhary Mohallah, P.S.- Town, District- Aurangabad (Bihar), Pin-
824101

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pramendra Kumar Singh

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Shaheen Begum

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 2 07-04-2026 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 offence punishable under Section 30(a) of
Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2022.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of six cases, out of which, four cases
are under the Excise Act and allegation is of recovery of 18
litres of liquor from house of the petitioner. It is next submitted
that petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing
was recovered from his conscious possession and the house in
question is a joint family property as such it cannot be alleged
with certainty that it was petitioner, who had kept the liquor in



the house or the liquor kept in the house was within his knowledge and after amendment in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It is also submitted that since the petitioner has antecedent as such the police in a mechanical manner implicated.

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

5. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, 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.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty 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 Aurangabad Town P.S. Case No.47/2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

6. It is made clear that the learned trial court thereafter shall verify the criminal antecedents of the petitioner and in the event if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than six cases, in that event, it would be presumed that petitioner had



concealed his antecedent before this court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed but if on verification it is found that petitioner has antecedent of six cases, in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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