

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.22607 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-35 Year-2026 Thana- Manuapul District- West Champaran

Anita Devi Wife of Bhola Chaudhary Resident of Village Gurwaliya Shivala
Tola, P.S.- Manuapul, District - West Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ram Priya Sharan Singh, 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 Manuapul P.S. Case No. 35 of 2026, dated 18.02.2026, lodged under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2022, pending before the Court of Special Judge Excise- 1st, Bettiah, West Champaran.

3. As per the prosecution, total recovery of 25 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 further submits that the petitioner was neither apprehended from the spot nor was anything illicit recovered from her possession.



Counsel also submits that the criminal antecedent of the petitioner is not clean, as there is one criminal case pending against her.

5. Learned APP for the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioner and submits that the criminal antecedent of the petitioner is not clean.

6. In the present facts and circumstances, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner is hereby rejected.

7. It is directed to the petitioner to surrender before the Trial Court within a period of 6 weeks from today. In case, the petitioner surrenders within six weeks, then the Trial Court is directed to pass order on his surrender-cum-bail application on the same day without being prejudice that the anticipatory bail of the petitioner has been rejected by this Court and the Trial Court shall pass order on the merit of this case.

(Dr. Anshuman, J.)

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