

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23224 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-382 Year-2025 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Rohtas

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Rani Sonkar @ Shyam Sonkar @ Shyam Raj Son of Shiv Mevalal Sonkar @
Meva Lala Sankar Resident of Mohalla- Boliya New Area Sasaram, P.S.-
Sasaram (Town), Distt.- Rohtas

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mrs. Niharika Rani, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Suman Kumari Singh, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 09-04-2026 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, 2018/2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of five cases under the Excise Act and
allegation is of recovery of 13.905 litres of liquor from Bolia
market. It is next submitted that petitioner was not arrested
from the spot as such nothing was recovered from his conscious
possession and even alleged recovery is from a place which
does not belong to the petitioner and is accessible to public at
large and he came to be implicated at the instance of local



person but then the name of the person who disclosed the name of the petitioner is not disclosed in the FIR which casts an aspersion on the case of the prosecution. It is also submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise, the police starts implicating mechanically either through chowkidar, local person, confessional statement or secret information without holding a proper investigation.

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.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five 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 Excise Sasaram P.S. Case No.382/2025, 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



five 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 five cases, in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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