

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23132 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-280 Year-2026 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Patna

Devkant Ray S/O Jai Lal Ray R/O Ward no. 3, Lakhanpur, Tal Desrai, Dist.-
Vaishali- 844504

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Amrit Abhijat

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Kanhiya Kishor

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 08-04-2026 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 offences punishable under Sections 30(a), 32
and 41(i) of the Bihar Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of
recovery of 275.26 litres of liquor from a godown and two
different vehicles.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession and he came to be
implicated based on the fact that he is owner of one of the
seized vehicles. It is next submitted that no prudent person



would use his own vehicle for committing an occurrence and thus would create evidence against himself and hence would get implicated, it is further submitted that petitioner was completely unaware that Alok would misuse the vehicle in the manner as alleged, who was also apprehended from the spot along with three named accused.

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

6. 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. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) 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 Patna Excise P.S. Case No. 280 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. It is made clear that thereafter the learned Trial Court shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in the event if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of even one case then it would be presumed that petitioner, for the purposes of seeking anticipatory bail, had concealed his antecedent before this



Court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but after verification if it is found that petitioner is a person with clean antecedent in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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