

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23717 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-39 Year-2026 Thana- MALSALAMI District- Patna

Arti Devi W/o Jai Sahani @ Jay Sahni R/o Village- Sukumarpur, P.O-
Raghopur, P.S- Raghopur, Dist- Vaishali.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ravi Ranjan, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Asha Devi, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 23-04-2026 Heard Mr. Ravi Ranjan, learned counsel for the

petitioner and Ms. Asha Devi, learned Additional Public

Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending her arrest in
connection with Malsalami P.S. Case No. 39 of 2026, F.I.R
dated 22.01.2026 registered for the offences punishable under
Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 150 liters of country made Mahua
liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner has clean antecedent and she has falsely been
implicated in the present case. He further submits that it appears
from the F.I.R that nothing has been recovered from the
conscious possession of the petitioner rather the recovery has



been made from a green C.N.G auto bearing Reg. No. BR01PA3825 and one Hero Honda Bike bearing Reg. No. BR01HH7849 and petitioner has been made accused merely on the basis that she is the owner of the motorcycle in question and one Rama Kumar was apprehended at the place of occurrence. He next submits that the petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged recovery of liquor or the co-accused person. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner referring the provision contained in Section 76(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and submitted that the pre-arrest bail would not be maintainable.

6. This court is aware of the decision of the Full Bench in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar** reported in **2019(2) P.L.J.R. 1089**. Having regard to the law laid down in the aforesaid judgment and the submission advanced on behalf of the parties, this Court, for the limited purpose of grant of anticipatory bail, is inclined to accept the submission of counsel for the petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts, nothing has been



recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner and the petitioner has clean antecedent and she has been made accused merely on the basis that she is the owner of the motorcycle in question, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of her arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the order, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Exclusive Special Court of Excise, Patna City, Patna in connection with Malsalami P.S. Case No. 39 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure / Section 482(2) of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and with other following conditions:-

i. Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be properly represented on each and every date fixed by the court and shall remain physically present as directed by the court and on her absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, her bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

ii. If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

iii. And further condition that the court below shall



verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed her criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Rajesh Kumar Verma, J)

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