

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.25146 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-23 Year-2026 Thana- BHUTAH District- Sitamarhi

Sakila Khatoon W/O Mohammad Jafar Resident of Village- Nisarpura Lock,
Police Station-Naubatpur, District- Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Shashank Shekhar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Suresh Prasad Singh

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 2 21-04-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP for the State.
2. The petitioner seeks bail in anticipation of her arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Section 317(2) of B.N.S. and Section 30(a) of the Excise Act.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and is a woman and allegation is of recovery of 47.115 litres of liquor from an auto.
4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was recovered from her conscious possession and she came to be implicated based on the fact that she is owner of the seized vehicle. It is next submitted that no prudent person would use



her own vehicle for committing a crime and thus, would create evidence against herself and hence, would get implicated. It is also submitted that it is not the case of the prosecution that they saw any woman fleeing from the place of occurrence. It is further submitted that petitioner was completely unaware that driver would misuse the vehicle in the manner as alleged who also fled from the spot.

5. Learned A.P.P. opposes the anticipatory bail application.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner, above-named, in the event of her arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of six weeks, is directed to be released on provisional anticipatory bail on her furnishing bail-bonds in the sum 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 Bhutahi P. S. Case No.23 of 2026, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. The application stands allowed.

8. It is made clear that the learned trial Court after accepting the provisional bail bonds of the petitioner 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 obtaining anticipatory bail had concealed her antecedent before this Court, in that event, the present provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but if on verification, 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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