

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30253 of 2026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-280 Year-2026 Thana- SONEPUR District- Saran

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Vidhan Rai @ Vidhan Kumar S/O Krishna Rai RO Village- Sabalpur,  
Pachhiyari Tola, P.S.- Sonapur, District- Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Patna

... .. Opposite Party/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Manish Chandra Gandhi

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Ramesh Chandra

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA**  
**ORAL ORDER**

2      04-05-2026              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 Section 30(a) of the  
Bihar Excise Act.

3.    Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the  
petitioner has antecedent of one case under the Excise Act and  
allegation is of recovery of 94 litres of liquor from a place near  
bank of Ganga River.

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 even the 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 Chowkidar with whom he is on an inimical term. It is next submitted that if Chowkidar was aware about the involvement of the petitioner in the occurrence, then why he did not inform the police prior to institution of the instant FIR, which casts an aspersion on the case of the prosecution. It is further submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise, the police starts implicating mechanically either at the instance of Chowkidar, local person, confessional statement or secret information without holding a proper investigation.

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 before the learned trial court within a period of six weeks from today, be released on Provisional anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees 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 Sonapur 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 more than 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 has antecedent of one case in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

**(Satyavrat Verma, J)**

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