

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.32893 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-104 Year-2026 Thana- KESARIA District- East Champaran

1. Mantu Kumar S/O Krishna Yadav @ Krishna Rai @ Krishna Ray R/O Vill.- Kadhan, P.S.- Kesariya, Dist.- East Champaran.
2. Sanjay Rai S/O Ramagya Rai R/O Vill.- Kadhan, P.S.- Kesariya, Dist.- East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Abhishek Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Tiwary

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 14-05-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioners apprehend their arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner no. 1 has antecedent of two cases under the Excise Act and petitioner no. 2 has antecedent of three cases under the Excise Act and allegation is of recovery of 120 liters of liquor from a bush near diyara area.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners were not apprehended from the spot as such nothing



was recovered from their conscious possession and even alleged recovery is from a place which does not belong to the petitioners and is accessible to villagers at large and they came to be implicated at the instance of Chowkidar and local person, but then it is submitted that if Chowkidar and local person were aware of the involvement of the petitioners in the occurrence then why they did not inform the police prior to institution of the instant 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 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 petitioners.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the petitioners above-named, in the event of their 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. 15000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) each 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 Kesariya P.S. Case No. 104 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 petitioners and in the event if it is found that petitioner no. 1 has antecedent of more than two cases and petitioner no. 2 has antecedent of more than three cases then it would be presumed that petitioners, for the purposes of seeking anticipatory bail, had concealed their antecedent before this Court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed with respect to that petitioner who had concealed his antecedent, but after verification if it is found that petitioner no. 1 has antecedent of two cases only and petitioner no. 3 has antecedent of three cases only, in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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