

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.32158 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-21 Year-2026 Thana- PUSA District- Samastipur

=====

Santosh Mahto @ Santosh Kumar Son of Nand Kishore Mahto @ Kishore Mahto Resident of Village- Bishanpur Bathua, Ward No. 06, P.S.- Pusa, District- Samastipur (Bihar), Pin- 848115

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

=====

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Barj Kishore Sharma, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Brajendra Nath Pandey, APP

=====

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 01-07-2026 Heard Mr. Barj Kishore Sharma, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Brajendra Nath Pandey, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Pusa P.S. Case No. 21 of 2026, F.I.R dated 02.03.2026 registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 85 liters of country made liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has clean antecedent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. He further submits that the allegation as alleged in the F.I.R is false and fabricated. He further submits that it appears from the F.I.R as well as seizure



list that nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner rather the recovery has been made from place of occurrence and the petitioner is made accused merely on the basis of suspicion. Except the suspicion, nothing has come during the investigation which suggest the involvement of the petitioner. 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, the



petitioner has clean antecedent and the petitioner is made accused merely on the basis of suspicion, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his 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 Special Judge Excise-I, Samastipur in connection with Pusa P.S. Case No. 21 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure 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 his absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his 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 his



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)

Vanisha/-

U		T	
---	--	---	--

