

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.33148 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-119 Year-2026 Thana- DHAKA District- East Champaran

1. Sachin Sahani @ Sachin Kumar S/O Sanjay Sahani Resident of Vill.- Parsauni, P.S - PatahidIST- East Champaran
2. Ankit Kumar S/O Pramod Kumar Resident of Vill.- Parsauni, P.S - Patahi, Dist - East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Kundan Rathore Alias Kundan Kumar
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Akbar Ali

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 one case under the Excise Act and petitioner no. 2 is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of recovery of 69 litres of liquor from a motorcycle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners were not arrested from the spot as such nothing was recovered from their conscious possession and are not the



owners of the seized vehicle and they came to be implicated based on confessional statement of apprehended-accused in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value. It is next submitted that after amendment in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with.

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 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) 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 Dhaka P.S. Case No. 119 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 one case and petitioner no. 2 has antecedent of even one case 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 criminal antecedent before this Court, but after verification if it is found that petitioner no. 1 has antecedent of one case and petitioner no. 2 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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