

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.45468 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-901 Year-2025 Thana- FATUA District- Patna

Pratima Sinha W/o Uma Shankar Pandey Resident of Village- Simli, P.S.-
Patna City, Dist.- Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sarfraz Ahmad, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Rabindra Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 2 09-07-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State, Mr. Rabindra Kumar.
2. The petitioner apprehends her arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Sections 30(a) and 41(1) of the Bihar Excise Act.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and is a woman and allegation is of recovery of 1987.2 liters of liquor from an Oil Tanker and three different vehicles along with Rs. 4700 was seized.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was not apprehended 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 one of the



seized vehicles. It is next submitted that no prudent person would use her own vehicle for committing an occurrence and thus would create evidence against herself and hence would get implicated, it is also submitted that petitioner was completely unaware that Ranjeet would misuse the vehicle in the manner as alleged who was also apprehended from the spot along with other accused persons. It is next submitted that it is not the case of the prosecution that they saw a woman fleeing from the place of occurrence.

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 her 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. 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 Fatuha P.S. Case No. 901 of 2025 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 even one case then it would be presumed that petitioner, for the purposes of seeking anticipatory bail, had concealed her antecedent before this Court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but after verification if 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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