

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.44362 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-147 Year-2026 Thana- KAUWAKOL District- Nawada

1. Khardev Manjhi @ Hardev Manjhi S/o Ghuman Manjhi Resident of Village - Shaikhodevra, PS - Kawakol, District - Nawada
2. Kharthu Manjhi S/o Ghuman Manjhi Resident of Village - Shaikhodevra, PS - Kawakol, District - Nawada
3. Sundar Devi @ Surbudha Devi W/o Saryug Manjhi Resident of Village - Shaikhodevra, PS - Kawakol, District - Nawada
4. Ram Lal Manjhi S/o Rajo Manjhi Resident of Village - Shaikhodevra, PS - Kawakol, District - Nawada
5. Koshila Devi @ Kauslya Devi W/o Yogendra Manjhi Resident of Village - Shaikhodevra, PS - Kawakol, District - Nawada

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rajesh Ranjan Kumar
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Abhay Kumar

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 2 07-07-2026 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 offence punishable under Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2022.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners are persons with clean antecedent and allegation is of recovery of 100 litres of liquor from a forest area along with 7500 litres of Jawa Mahua, which was destroyed and 22.750



litres of liquor was recovered from bushes and 10,000 litres of Jawa Mahua solution was destroyed at the spot. It is next submitted that petitioners were not arrested 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 based on confessional statement of their wives in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value. It is also submitted that wives of the petitioners were pressurized to take name of their husbands, when petitioners admittedly are persons with clean antecedent.

4. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners.

5. 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.500/- (Rupees five hundred) 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 Kawakol P.S. Case No.147/2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the



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6. It is made clear that thereafter the learned trial court thereafter shall verify the criminal antecedents of the petitioners and in the event if it is found that petitioners have antecedent of even one case, in that event, it would be presumed that petitioners had concealed their antecedent before this court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed with but if after verification it is found that petitioners are persons with clean antecedent, in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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