

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.47625 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-94 Year-2025 Thana- BHAGALPUR KOTWALI District-
Bhagalpur

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Ranjeet Mandal @ Sanjeet Kumar S/o Rajendra Mandal R/o Village-Hajipur,
Mirzachowki, P.S-Muffasil, District-Sahebganj (Jharkhand)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Manoj Kumar Jha, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Shailendra Kumar, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY
ORAL ORDER

2 22-07-2026 Heard the parties.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Kotwali P.S. Case No. 94 of 2025 for the offence under sections 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act lodged on 12.08.2025 by the informant, Ajit Kumar.

3. As per the prosecution story, the informant alleged that one Manoj Kumar came with a bag was intercepted and there is recovery/seizure of 5.625 liter foreign liquor. Upon enquiry, he informed that the petitioner used to supply the liquor for him. This led to the FIR.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that recovery/seizure is from Manoj Kumar and not from his conscious possession and further, he do not have criminal



antecedent.

5. Further, learned counsel for the petitioner relied on the judgment of the Full Bench of Hon'ble Patna High Court in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar** reported in **2019 (2) PLJR 1089** wherein it has been held that an application for anticipatory bail in a case arising out of Bihar Excise and Prohibition Act can be maintained, despite the bar under Section 76(2) of the Act, if on the basis of allegation made in the FIR, no offence under the said provision is made out.

6. Learned APP opposes the prayer submitting that Manoj Kumar has named him.

7. Taking into account the submissions of the parties and the judgment in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav (supra)**, as also that nothing has been recovered from his conscious possession and do not have criminal antecedent, in that background, this Court is inclined to extend him the privilege of anticipatory bail with conditions.

8. However, if it is found that contrary to the paragraph no.3 of the petition, the petitioner has criminal antecedent, the present order shall be come infructuous.

9. Let the petitioner be released on bail in the event of



arrest or surrender within a period of four weeks from the receipt of this order, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Exclusive Special Excise Judge-II, Bhagalpur in connection with Kotwali P.S. Case No. 94 of 2025 subject to the following conditions:

(i) one of the bailor should be the family member/relative of the petitioner who shall provide official document to show his/her bona fide;

(ii) the petitioner shall be appearing before the Police Station as and when required for cooperating in the investigation;

(iii) the petitioner shall appear on each and every date before the Trial Court and failure to do so for two consecutive dates without plausible reason will entail cancellation of his bail bond by the Trial Court itself;

(iv) the petitioner shall appear before the concerned police station every month for six months to mark his attendance and after the end of the period, the certificate shall be submitted before the Trial Court failing which steps shall be taken for the cancellation of the bail bonds;

(v) the petitioner shall in no way try to induce or



promise or threat the witnesses or tamper with the evidences,
failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for
cancellation of the bail bonds;

(vi) the petitioner shall desist from committing any
criminal offence again, failing which the State shall be at liberty
to take steps for cancellation of his bail bonds.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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