

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.44660 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-174 Year-2026 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Gaya

Harshika Kumari Verma, Daughter of Ramesh Kumar Verma @ Ramesh Kumar, Resident of Mohalla- H. No. 658B/Block, Dispensary Road, Near Gudri Market, Sonari, PS- Sonari, District- East Singhbhum, Jharkhand

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Gajendra Kumar Singh, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mrs. Shaheen Begum, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA SHEKHAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

2 06-07-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The accused/petitioner is named in the FIR and apprehending her arrest in connection with Gaya Excise P.S. Case No.174 of 2026 registered under Sections 30(a) and 32(3) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act.

3. Allegation against the petitioner is to engage in illegal trade/manufacturing of illicit liquor, where there is recovery of 108 litres of IMFL/country-made liquor.

4. It is submitted by learned counsel appearing for the petitioner that the seized illicit liquor was recovered from a Car bearing Registration No. JH-05CD-5509. It is further



submitted that the petitioner's name has been surfaced in the present case solely on the ground that she is the registered owner of the seized vehicle, and not on the basis of any material demonstrating her conscious possession, involvement or complicity in the alleged offence. It is also pointed out that seizure list appears doubtful being not supported by independent witnesses rather than by police personnel. The petitioner claimed clean antecedent.

5. Learned APP opposed the prayer of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. In view of aforesaid factual submissions and by taking note of fact as recovery of illicit liquor *prima facie* not appears to be made from physical possession of this petitioner, accordingly, the petitioner above-named, who is a lady of clean antecedent, in the event of her arrest or surrender in the court below within a period of four weeks from today, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Exclusive Special Excise Court No.-3, Gaya in



connection with Gaya Excise P.S. Case No.174 of 2026,
subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2)
of the CrPC/under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

(Chandra Shekhar Jha, J.)

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