

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.46500 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-153 Year-2026 Thana- MAKER District- Saran

Puja Devi W/o Horil Sahni Resident of Village- Baghakol Nayatola, Ward
No. -06, P.S.- Maker, District- Saran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Nalin Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Md. Iftekhar Mahmood

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 15-07-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends her arrest in a case
registered for the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of
Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

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 24.960 litres of liquor from house of
petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was
recovered from her conscious possession and the house in
question is a joint family property as such it cannot be alleged
with certainty that it was petitioner, who had kept the liquor in



the house or the liquor kept in the house was within his knowledge and after amendment in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with and she came to be implicated at the instance of chowkidar with whom her husband is on an inimical term. It is also submitted that chowkidar in order to coerce her husband into submission falsely implicated the petitioner, when petitioner admittedly is a person with clean antecedent.

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 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 Maker P.S. Case No.153 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

7. It is made clear that the learned trial court thereafter shall verify the criminal antecedents of the petitioner and in the event if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of even one



case, in that event, it would be presumed that petitioner had concealed her antecedent before this court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed but if on verification 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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