

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.58755 of 2025**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-186 Year-2025 Thana- BHARGAMA District- Araria

Ashok sardar S/o Sadanand sardar R/o Vill. - Kushmaul, Ward no. 2, P.S. - Bhargama, District - Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Mrigendra Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Manoj Kumar

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA**  
**ORAL ORDER**

3      06-01-2026              1.    Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2.    The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Excise Act.

3.    Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has antecedent of one case and allegation is of recovery of 53.875 litres of liquor from the house of the petitioner.

4.    Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was recovered from his conscious possession and after 2018 amendment in the Excise Act, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It is next



submitted that 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 knowledge of the petitioner and he came to be implicated at the instance of Chowkidar with whom he is on an inimical term.

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 his 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. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) 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 Bhargama P.S. Case No. 186 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 more than one case then it would be presumed that petitioner, for the



purposes of seeking anticipatory bail, had concealed his antecedent before this Court, as such, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but after verification if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of one case in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

Sumit/-

|   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| U |  | T |  |
|---|--|---|--|

