

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.60621 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-206 Year-2018 Thana- BETTIAH CITY District- West
Champaran

Vijay Mahato S/o Dhruv Mahto R/o Villo Uttarwari Pokhara Pucci Fulwari,
P.S.- Kalibagh, District- West Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Bimlesh Kumar Pandey, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Umeshanand Pandit, A.P.P.

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 Sections 30(a), 35,
38 and 56 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of seven cases out of which six cases
are under the Excise Act and allegation is of recovery of 849.54
litres of liquor from two different places along with a
motorcycle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession. It is further submitted
that petitioner is not the owner of the seized vehicle and came to



be implicated based on the confessional statement of Uttam Kumar in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value in the eye of law. It is next submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise the police start implicating mechanically either at the instance of the Chawkidar, local person, secret information or confessional statement without holding a proper investigation of the case.

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, let 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.35,000/- (Rupees Thirty-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 Bettiah (Town) P.S. Case No. 206 of 2018, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. It is made clear that thereafter the learned trial court shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than seven



cases, it would be presumed that petitioner had concealed his antecedent before this Court at para 3 of the anticipatory bail application in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed but if it is found on verification that petitioner has antecedent of only seven cases in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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