

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.76505 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-177 Year-2025 Thana- BHAPTIAHI District- Supaul

Ranjeet Mehta @ Ranjeet Kumar @ Ranjit Mehta Son of Parmeshwar Mehta
Resident of Village- Kadhari Kalayanpur, Ward No 9, PS- Bhaptiyahi, District
-Supaul

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pramod Mishra, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Md. Anzarul Haque Sahara, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 19-01-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. In view of the submission made by the learned
counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, the defect as
pointed out by the office is hereby ignored.

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

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of four cases and allegation is of
recovery of 153 liters of liquor from a motorcycle.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not apprehended from the spot as such nothing



was recovered from his conscious possession and is not the owner of the seized vehicle and he came to be implicated based on confessional statement of apprehended accused in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value. It is also submitted that once an accused is implicated in a case relating to excise, the police starts implicating mechanically either at the instance of *Chowkidar*, local person, confessional statement or secret information without holding a proper investigation.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

7. 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. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty 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 Bhaptiyahi P.S. Case No. 177 of 2025 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482 (2) of the BNSS.

8. 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 four cases 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 four cases only, in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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