IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.74536 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011072362026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-56 Year-2026 Thana- SAHPUR District- Bhojpur

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Akhilesh Paswan @ Akhilesh Kumar Paswan, S/o- Mahendra Paswan @ Sadhu Resident of Village- Shahpur Ward No. 10, P.S- Shahpur, District- Bhojpur

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ajay Kumar Singh
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Gauri Shankar Gupta

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA

ORAL ORDER

2 27-10-2026 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP for the State.

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

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of recovery of 120 litres of liquor from a motorcycle.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was recovered from his conscious possession and is not the owner of the seized vehicle rather the vehicle is registered in the name of

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his father in-law, as such, he came to be implicated based on confessional statement of one Prakash, who was arrested from the spot. It is further submitted that confessional statement in police custody does not have any evidentiary value. It is also submitted that after Amendment in the Excise Act, 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with.

5. Learned A.P.P. opposes the anticipatory bail application.

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 Court below within a period of six weeks, is directed to be released on provisional anticipatory bail on his furnishing bail-bonds in the sum 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 Shahpur P. S. Case No.56 of 2026, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. The application stands allowed.

8. It is made clear that the learned trial Court after accepting the provisional bail bonds of the petitioner shall verify

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the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in the event, if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of even one case, then it would be presumed that petitioner for the purposes of obtaining anticipatory bail had concealed his antecedent before this Court, in that event, the present 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.

9. At this stage, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that name of the petitioner is Akhilesh Paswan @ Akhilesh Kumar Paswan, but inadvertently while describing the petitioner, his name has been recorded as Akilesh Paswan @ Akilesh Kumar Paswan, thus seeks permission to rectify the same.

10. Permission is accorded.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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