IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.76541 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011122712026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-353 Year-2026 Thana- HARLAKHI District- Madhubani

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Bhawesh Yadav @ Bhawesh Kumar S/O Pasinder Yadav R/O Vill.- Pipraun, P.s.- Harlakhi, Dist.- Madhubani.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vinod Kumar
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Rajendra Prasad Nat

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA

ORAL ORDER

2 05-11-2026 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 offence punishable under Sections 274, 275, 3(5) of the BNS and Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has antecedent of two cases under the Excise Act and allegation is of recovery of 20.15 litres of liquor from a sack.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was recovered from his conscious possession and even alleged recovery is from a place which does not belong to the petitioner

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and came to be implicated based on confessional statement of Amit in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value. It is also submitted that after amendment in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with.

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 within a period of six weeks from today, be released on provisional anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten 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 Harlakhi P.S. Case No.353 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 more than two cases, in that event, it would be presumed that petitioner had concealed his antecedent before this court, as such, the

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provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed but if on verification it is found that petitioner has antecedent of two cases, in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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