**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.80115 of 2026**

**CNR No. BRHC011151342026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-837 Year-2026 Thana- MANER District- Patna

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Sonu Kumar Son of Shiv Kumar Rai Resident of Hira Tola, Sherpur, P.S.- Maner, District- Patna

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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**Appearance :**
For the Petitioner/s : Ms. Saumya, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Renuka Ratnakar, APP

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SOURENDRA PANDEY**

ORAL ORDER

2 25-11-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. Petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection with Maner P.S. Case No. 837 of 2026 registered for the offences under Sections 30(A) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendement) Act 2022.

3. The prosecution case is to the effect that the police on information reached the place of occurrence and saw several persons standing there and some of them including the petitioner managed to escape. On search, total 296.73 liters of foreign liquor was recovered from the tractor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case merely

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because he carries long list of criminal antecedents of similar nature. It has further been submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery of the illicit liquor and he is also not the owner of the tractor from where the said seizure has been made. It has further been submitted that it is merely on suspicion and because of the criminal history that the petitioner has been named in the present case. It has been admitted that altogether seven criminal antecedents against the petitioner is there in which he is on bail.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

6. Considering the aforesaid submission, facts and circumstances of the case, let the petitioner above named be released on anticipatory bail, in the event of arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/-(ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Court below where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Maner P.S. Case No. 837 of 2026 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure read with corresponding Section 482(2) of B.N.S.S. as well as subject to

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the following conditions:-

*(i) One of the bailors of the petitioners shall be their close relative.*
*(ii) The petitioners shall remain physically present in Court on each date of the trial.*
*(iii) In case of absence on two consecutive dates, or in violation of the terms of the bail, the bail bond of the petitioners will be liable to be cancelled by the Court concerned.*
*(iv) If the petitioners are found involved in similar nature of offence in future, the prosecution shall be at liberty to move for cancellation of his bail bond.*
*(v) The learned Court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioners and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioners have concealed their criminal antecedents, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.*
*(vi) In view of the antecedent of the petitioner, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Superintendent of Police, Patna within fifteen days of his release with a copy of this order and every two weeks thereafter for the next nine months. The conduct of the petitioner will be kept under watch in this period by the Superintendent of Police concerned and if it is found wanting in any respect, a report shall be made to the court concerned by him to initiate a proceeding for cancellation of bail for reasons of misuse of bail. After reporting to the Superintendent of Police, a certificate will be filed by the petitioner before the*

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*court concerned, order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.*

7. Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail is allowed.

8. It is made clear that the observations, if any, made in this order, shall be of no bearing during the trial.

**(Sourendra Pandey, J)**

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