

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.80853 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-519 Year-2025 Thana- MADHAURAH District- Saran

Rajeev Ranjan @ Raju Ranjan Kumar Son of Sita Ram Manjhi R/o Village-
Dhenuki, P.S.- MNarhowrah, District- Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Alok Kumar Alok

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Meena Singh

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 17-01-2026 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 offence punishable under Section 30(a) of
Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of five cases under the Excise Act and
allegation is of recovery of 700 litres of liquor from the house of
Asha Devi. It is next submitted that petitioner was not arrested
from the spot as such nothing was recovered from his conscious
possession and even alleged recovery is from a house which
does not belong to the petitioner and petitioner has no concern
or relation with Asha Devi and he came to be implicated based
on confessional statement of Asha Devi 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 through chowkidar, local person, confessional statement or secret information without holding a proper investigation.

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

5. 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 from today, be released on provisional anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty 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 Marhowrah P.S. Case No.519/2025, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

6. 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 five cases, in that event, it would be presumed that petitioner had concealed his antecedent before this court, as such, the



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

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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