IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.59431 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-99 Year-2026 Thana- BHAIRAVSHTHAN District- Madhubani

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Rajendra Mahto S/o Ghuran Mahto R/o Village - Rupauli, P.S. - Bhairavsthan, District - Madhubani.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Jitendra Kumar Bharti
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Pradeep Narain Kumar

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA

ORAL ORDER

2 21-08-2026 **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 offences punishable under Sections 274, 275 and 3(5) of BNS and Section 30(a) of the Bihar Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has antecedent of four cases out of which three cases are under the Excise Act and allegation is of recovery of 79 litres of liquor from six different places out of which 5 litres of liquor is alleged to have been recovered from the house of the petitioner along with 205 litres of jawa mahua which was destroyed.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was

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recovered from his conscious possession and the house in question is a joint family property as such it cannot be alleged with certainty that it was petitioner who had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house was within knowledge of the petitioner. It is next 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 and he came to be implicated based on secret information which is the easiest way to implicate someone without holding a proper investigation.

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 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 Bhairavsthan P.S. Case No. 99 of 2026, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

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7. 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 in that event the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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