IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.57544 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-172 Year-2026 Thana- KATEYA District- Gopalganj

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Antish Kewat @ Mantish Kewat S/O Mahendra Kewat Resident of Village- Tetariya Rikhai, PS- Kateya, Dist.- Gopalganj.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vyas Kumar Mishra, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Bharat Bhushan, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY

ORAL ORDER

2 19-08-2026 Heard the parties.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Kateya P.S. Case No. 172 of 2026 for the offence under sections 30(a) and 41(1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act lodged on 23.03.2026 by the informant, Arun Prakash.

3. As per the prosecution story, the informant alleged that on information, the Police intercepted a motorcycle and there is recovery/seizure of 71.60 liters Nepali Liquor recovered/seized. Further, on information reached near the bridge and there is another recovery/seizure of 54 liters country made liquor, the locals gave the name of this petitioner, so far as second recovery is concerned. This led to the FIR.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that

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recovery/seizure is from an open place, not from his conscious possession, only because of criminal antecedent, the Chowkidar named him.

5. Further, learned counsel for the petitioner relied on the judgment of the Full Bench of Hon'ble Patna High Court in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar** reported in **2019 (2) PLJR 1089** wherein it has been held that an application for anticipatory bail in a case arising out of Bihar Excise and Prohibition Act can be maintained, despite the bar under Section 76(2) of the Act, if on the basis of allegation made in the FIR, no offence under the said provision is made out.

6. Learned APP Mr. Bharat Bhushan, opposes the prayer submitting that he has criminal antecedent.

7. Taking into account the submissions of the parties and the judgment in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav (supra)**, as also that nothing has been recovered from his conscious possession, in that background, this Court is inclined to extend him the privilege of anticipatory bail with conditions.

8. Let the petitioner be released on bail in the event of arrest or surrender within a period of four weeks from the receipt of this order, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/-

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(Ten thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of learned District and Additional Sessions Judge-XIII-cum-Special Excise Court No.-I, Gopalganj in connection with Kateya P.S. Case No. 172 of 2026 subject to the following conditions:

(i) one of the bailor should be the family member/relative of the petitioner who shall provide official document to show his/her bona fide;

(ii) the petitioner shall be appearing before the Police Station as and when required for cooperating in the investigation;

(iii) the petitioner shall appear on each and every date before the Trial Court and failure to do so for two consecutive dates without plausible reason will entail cancellation of his bail bond by the Trial Court itself;

(iv) the petitioner shall appear before the concerned police station every month for six months to mark his attendance and after the end of the period, the certificate shall be submitted before the Trial Court failing which steps shall be taken for the cancellation of the bail bonds;

(v) the petitioner shall in no way try to induce or promise or threat the witnesses or tamper with the evidences,

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failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of the bail bonds;

(vi) the petitioner shall desist from committing any criminal offence again, failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of his bail bonds.

(Rajiv Roy, J)

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