

In the Court of District & Addl. Sessions Judge-XIII
cum-Spl. Excise Court No.-I, Gopalganj
A.B.P. No. 842 of 2026

Antish Kewat @ Mantish Kewat, Aged about 23 Years, S/o Mahendra Kewat,
R/o village-Tetariya Rikhai, P.S. Kateya, District-Gopalganj, Bihar.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

The State of Bihar

.....Opposite Party.

Counsel for the Petitioner :- Sri Haresh Kumar Prasad, Advocate
Counsel for the State :- Sri Awadhesh Prasad Mani, Spl. P.P.
Present:- Dhiraj Kumar Mishra,
District and Additional Sessions Judge-XIII,
Gopalganj

Order

07.07.2026

1. Anticipatory bail petition has been filed on behalf of petitioner **Antish Kewat @ Mantish Kewat**, who is apprehending his arrest in connection with Kateya P.S. Case No. 172 of 2026, U/s. 30(a), 41(1) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act 2022.
2. Learned counsel for the accused-petitioner submits that the petitioner is quite innocent and he has committed no offence. He further submits that the prosecution story is totally false, fabricated and concocted and nothing has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner. He further submits that no member of raiding team had seen the petitioner at the PO to sell the alleged liquor or to escape the PO. He further submits that one case u/s. 37 of Excise Act is pending against the petitioner, so he may be enlarged on anticipatory bail.
3. On the other hand, learned Spl. P.P. appearing on behalf of the State opposed the anticipatory bail petition of the petitioner.
4. Heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the case record. The allegation against the petitioner is that during patrolling duty, the informant received a secret information that an illegal liquor is hidden under the bridge in village-Tetariya Rikhai by unknown person. On receiving the information, when the informant and other police party reached at the bridge in village- Tetariya Rikhai and found one sack. It is alleged that the police has recovered **total 54.00 liter** country-made liquor from six cartoons which were kept in a sack and the local

chowkidar disclosed that the said liquor belongs to Antish Kewat (the petitioner) and he absconded from here after seeing the police party. Thus, there appears that there is specific allegation against the petitioners under the provision of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act 2016. It further appears that in para No. **04 & 05** of the case diary, eye witnesses have fully supported the prosecution story and the petitioner himself admits **one more case is pending against him as mentioned in para No. 03 of the anticipatory bail petition.**

5. In view of the above mentioned facts and circumstances of the case and **also considering that the petitioner is having one criminal antecedent** and the investigation of this case is still at initial stage and also that anticipatory bail petition of the petitioner is not maintainable U/s. 76(2) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act 2018. Accordingly the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner stands rejected.

(Dictated)

(DHIRAJ KUMAR MISHRA)
DAJ-XIII-cum-Spl. Judge
Excise-I, Gopalganj.