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**IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE**  
**AT : RAICHUR**

Criminal Miscellaneous No.306/2026

PRESENT

***Sri B.B. Jakati,***  
B.A. LL.M,  
Principal District & Sessions Judge  
Raichur.

**Dated this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2026**

**Petitioner:**

Manjunath V @ Manjunath S/o Shivanna,  
Age: 49 years, Occ: Coolie,  
R/o R.J Road Camp, Manvi,  
Dist: Raichur..

(By Sri. K.R.N, Advocate)

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**Respondent:**

The State through SHO,  
Raichur Excise Police Station,  
Dist. Raichur.

(By Ld. Public Prosecutor, Raichur)

**ORDER**

This petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS for anticipatory bail in Cr.No.47/2025-2026 of Excise Manvi Range office which is registered for the offences punishable under Sections 11, 13, 14, 15, 32(1) and 38(A) of Karnataka Excise Act.

2. The petitioner he petitioner has contended that he is innocent of the alleged offences and that a false case has been foisted against him. He further contends that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that he is guilty of the offences alleged against him. He is permanently residing at the address mentioned in the cause title and does not have any criminal antecedents. He is ready to cooperate with the investigation and to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by the Court. On these grounds, he has prayed for the grant of anticipatory bail.

3. The prosecution in the objection has contended that there are sufficient grounds to believe that petitioner has committed the said offences, if released on bail he may commit similar offences; he may tamper prosecution witnesses. On these grounds prosecution has prayed to reject the petition.

4. Heard argument of both sides and perused the records.

5. The only point that arises for my consideration is:

Whether the petitioner is entitled for anticipatory bail?

6. My finding is in the **affirmative** for the following:

### **REASONS**

7. The allegation of the prosecution, as could be seen from the records, is that on 30.04.2026 at about 6:00 p.m., the petitioner was transporting contaminated toddy on a motorcycle bearing Registration No. KA-36/EK-0204 from Katarki Village, to Gaddal Village, Manvi.

He was allegedly found in possession of 10 liters of contaminated toddy, thereby committing the aforesaid offences.

8. Whether the petitioner has committed the said offences or not is a matter to be adjudicated during the trial. The toddy has already been recovered by the Excise Manvi Range office. Nothing remains to be recovered at the instance of the petitioner. Therefore, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. If the petitioner is arrested, he would be subjected to unnecessary humiliation. The offences are triable by the Magistrate. Considering these facts, I am of the opinion that the petitioner is entitled to be enlarged on anticipatory bail. Hence, I answer this point in the **affirmative** and proceed to pass the following:

### **ORDER**

The petition filed under Sec.482 of BNSS, is hereby allowed.

The Excise Manvi Range office is hereby directed to release the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Cr.No.**47/2025-2026** on executing bail bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety for the like-sum, subject to the following conditions;

1. He shall surrender before the concerned court within 15 days from the date of this order and execute bail bond and surety bond.

2. He shall furnish ID proof of himself and surety.
3. He shall co-operate with investigation.
4. He shall not tamper or threaten the prosecution witnesses.

(Dictated to the Stenographer Grade-III, transcribed and typed by him, same is corrected, signed and pronounced by me in the open Court on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026).

**(B.B. Jakati)**

Principal District & Sessions Judge  
Raichur.

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