Redacted by NyayVidhan (the order records that the appellant had a criminal case when he was a juvenile): the appellant's name (shown as U.K.S. on nyayvidhan.in), the police station and number of the present case, the liquor quantities and the High Court case numbers are withheld. Text otherwise as issued by the Court.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL Nos. OF 2026

(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Nos.17810-17811/2026)

..... APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR ..... RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. We have heard learned counsel for the parties.

3. This appeal has been preferred against the order dated 30.01.2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna (briefly the 'High Court' hereinafter) whereby appellant's anticipatory bail was granted by the High Court subject to certain conditions more particularly the condition in paragraph 7 of the said order which reads as follows:

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> **7. It is made clear that the learned trial Court after accepting the provisional bail**

bond of the petitioner shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in the event, if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of even one case, then it would be presumed that petitioner for the purposes of obtaining anticipatory bail had concealed his antecedent before this Court, in that event, the present provisional anticipatory bail order shall not be confirmed, but if on verification, it is found that petitioner is a person with clean antecedent, in that event, the provisional anticipatory bail order shall be confirmed forthwith.

4. Appellant is an accused in PS Case No. of 2023, registered under Sections 30(a), 36, 32(ii), (iii) and 41(i)(ii) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

5. Allegation against the appellant is that litres of liquor were recovered from a vehicle and another quantity of litres of liquor were recovered from a truck. Appellant is the owner of the said truck.

6. While issuing notice on 10.09.2026, this Court had passed the following order:

> **3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner had a criminal antecedent but that was when he was a juvenile. A juvenile in conflict with law has certain protections under the Juvenile**

Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. For that reason, this fact was not mentioned in the anticipatory bail application before the High Court.

4. Issue notice.

5. Mr. Manish Kumar, learned counsel appears on advance notice and waives notice on behalf of the respondent-State of Bihar.

6. In the meanwhile, we stay paragraph No.7 of the impugned order dated 30.01.2026 passed by the High Court.

7. Pursuant to our aforesaid order, respondent-State of Bihar has filed affidavit which we have perused.

8. While reiterating the accusations against the appellant, learned State counsel however, submits that appellant is cooperating with the investigation. Learned State counsel has also drawn the attention of the Court to the fact that petitioner has a criminal antecedent which has been mentioned in paragraph 9 of the counter affidavit.

9. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that at the time of the incident relating to the criminal antecedent of the appellant, he was a juvenile. It was for this reason that the aforesaid fact was not mentioned in the anticipatory bail application before the High Court which this Court had taken note of while issuing notice *vide the* order dated 10.09.2026.

10. That being the position and taking an overall view

of the matter, we are inclined to extend the benefit of anticipatory bail to the appellant.

11. Consequently, we set aside paragraph 7 of the impugned order of the High Court and make our order dated 10.09.2026 absolute.

12. Appeals are accordingly allowed.

13. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.

(UJJAL BHUYAN)

.....J.

(ATUL S. CHANDURKAR)

NEW DELHI;
November 18th, 2026.
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ITEM NO.2 COURT NO.13 SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 17810-17811/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 30-01-2026 in CRM No. 03-04-2026 in CRM No. passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR Respondent(s)

[IA No. 272075/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 272077/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE DEFECTS, IA No. 272076/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.]

Date : 18-11-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ATUL S. CHANDURKAR

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Ms. Rita Jha, AOR
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Mr. Abhigyat Chaitanya, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. Appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.

3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(IRAMNAZ)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(CHETNA BALOONI)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)