

Criminal Miscellaneous No.26127 of 2017

Ranjan Choudhary, Son of Sri Devi Choudhary, Resident of Village-Simpur, Police Station-Haweli Kharagpur, in the District of Munger

Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

.... Opposite Party

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Bimal Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Kumar Virendra Narayan, APP

2 07-07-2017 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
counsel for the State.

2. Apprehending his arrest in connection with Gangta P.S.Case No. 56 of 2016 registered for the offences under Sections 30(d), 2(c), 3, 5(d)/18 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016 (for short ‘the Act’), the petitioner has filed the present application under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of pre-arrest bail.

3. In view of the provision prescribed under sub-section (2) of Section 76 of 'the Act', as also in view of the order dated 07.07.2017 passed by this Court in the matter of Ashok Sahani Vs. State of Bihar (Cr.Misc. No. 26109 of 2017), I am of the considered opinion that an application under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 would not be maintainable in



any case involving the arrest of any person on accusation of offence committed under 'the Act'.

4. Hence, the present application filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in a case involving accusation of offence committed under the 'the Act' is disposed of as not maintainable.

5. In case the petitioner surrenders and seeks bail, the court below shall keep in mind the observations made by this Court in the aforementioned order dated 07.07.2017 passed in Cr.Misc. No. 26109 of 2017 while disposing of the bail application on merits.

(Ashwani Kumar Singh, J.)

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