

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Miscellaneous No.5458 of 2018

Arising Out of PS.Case No. -277 Year- 2017 Thana -GIRIYAK District- NALANDA
(BIHARSHARIFF)

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1. Mannu @ Mannu Kumar
2. Sonu Kumar

Both sons of Ramashish Raut, Resident of Village- Mirchaiganj,
P.S.- Katrisarai, District- Nalanda.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

.... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Md.Imteyaz Ahmad, Advocate

For the State : Mr. Sanjay Kumar, APP

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

2 08-02-2018 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned
counsel for the State.

The petitioners seek pre-arrest bail in connection with
Giriyak (Katrisarai) P.S. Case No.277 of 2017 registered under
Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

Section 76(1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act,
2016 stipulates that all offences under this Act shall be cognizable
and non-bailable. Its sub-section (2) stipulates that section 438 of
the Code of Criminal Procedure shall not apply to the offences
under the Excise Act.

Keeping in mind the allegations made in the F.I.R. and



the statutory bar to grant of pre-arrest bail to those booked under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016, in my considered opinion, an application under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in the present matter is not maintainable.

Thus, the petition is dismissed as not maintainable.

In case the petitioners surrender and seek bail, the learned Special Judge shall be required to dispose of the same on merits taking into consideration the observations made by this Court in the matter of **Ashok Sahani vs. State of Bihar [(2017) 3 PLJR 632]**.

(Ashwani Kumar Singh, J)

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