

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Miscellaneous No.5418 of 2018

Arising Out of PS.Case No. -80 Year- 2017 Thana -SIKARHATA District- BHOJPUR

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Dhananjay Pandey S/o Narendra Pandey, resident of village- Itahuri, P.S.-
Sikrahata, District- Bhojpur.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

.... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

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

For the State : Mr. Satyendra Prasad, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR
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ORAL ORDER

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

The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection with
Excise Case No.5679 of 2017 arising out of Sikharata P.S. Case
No.80 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 petitioner surrenders and seeks 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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