

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No. 13303 of 2020

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-204 Year-2019 Thana- RAGHUNATHPUR District- Siwan

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Ritesh Singh @ Ritesh Kumar Singh, Male, aged 26 years, son of Chhatu Singh, resident of Village-Nikhati Kala, P.S.-Raghunathpur, District-Siwan

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Anil Chandra, Advocate
For the State : Ms. Renuka Ratnakar, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH
ORAL JUDGMENT

Date : 15-10-2020

The matter has been heard *via* video conferencing due to circumstances prevailing on account of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Heard Mr. Anil Chandra, learned counsel for the petitioner and Ms. Renuka Ratnakar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor (hereinafter referred to as the ‘APP’) for the State.

3. The petitioner apprehends arrest in connection with Raghunathpur PS Case No. 204 of 2019 dated 07.11.2019, instituted under Sections 30(a)/41 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

4. The allegation against the petitioner is that he along with co-accused was indulging in the business of illicit liquor and from the house of the co-accused 1100 bottles of liquor of



various brands totalling 198 litres was recovered.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that only on the basis of suspicion he has been named accused but no recovery has been made from his possession or from his house.

6. Learned APP submitted that on specific information that the petitioner and co-accused were running the business of illicit liquor, when the police went to the place of occurrence, two persons ran away and from the house of the co-accused, huge quantity of liquor was recovered. It was further submitted that the petitioner is accused in another case of similar nature which indicates that he is in the business of illicit liquor and is committing such offence repeatedly.

7. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case and submissions of learned counsel for the parties, the Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, the application stands dismissed.

(Ahsanuddin Amanullah, J)

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