

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.29480 of 2019**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-48 Year-2019 Thana- BARHIYA District- Lakhisarai

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SUMIT KUMAR S/o- Late Harikant Singh @ Late Harikant Prasad Resident
of Village- Chuharchak, Ward No. 23, P.S.- Barahiya, District- Lakhisarai.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Parmanand Pd. Nr. Sahi

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Uma Shankar Prasad Singh, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH

ORAL ORDER

4 10-06-2020 The matter has been taken up through virtual court
proceeding.

Heard learned counsels for the petitioner and the
State.

The present application has been filed with a prayer
for bail in a case registered for the offences punishable under
Sections 30(a), 38(i) and 41(i) of the Bihar Prohibition and
Excise Act, 2016, as amended by Act 8 of 2018

A bench of this Court, vide order dated 11.06.2019,
granted provisional bail to the petitioner who was in custody
since 22.02.2019 and further directed the matter to be listed
after disposal of S.L.P. (C) Nos. 27949-29763 of 2016, wherein



the vires of the Bihar Excise Act, 1915 and the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016 is under challenge. The relevant portion of the order reads as follows:-

“Recently, the Full Bench of this Court in a case i.e. Criminal Appeal (SJ) No. 431 of 2019 (Ram Vinay Yadav vs. The State of Bihar) has noticed that vires of entire Excise Act as well as amended Excise Act is pending before the Hon’ble Supreme Court.

The Court is of opinion that since vires of entire Excise Act is already sub-judice before the Hon’ble Supreme Court, it would not be appropriate for this court to finally dispose of any case pertaining to Excise Act. However, at the same time, it would not be appropriate to allow a person to remain in custody for an indefinite period.

List this matter after disposal of S.L.P. (C) Nos. 27949-29763 of 2016 and connected writ petitions pending before the Hon’ble Supreme Court.

Till further order, the petitioner namely, Sumit Kumar is directed to be released provisionally on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge 2nd -cum-Special Judge, Lakhisarai in connection with Barahiya P.S. Case No. 48 of 2019.”

Due to present pandemic, Covid-19, the physical court proceedings in the Supreme Court are not being conducted, as a result, there is no likelihood of the aforementioned S.L.P. being disposed of in near future. Hence,



the application has been heard on merits.

As per the prosecution case, 36.420 litres of Indian Made Foreign Liquor have been recovered from the house of the petitioner.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that recovery has been made from the joint family house of the petitioner. A statement has been made in paragraph no.3 of the petition that the petitioner is not having any criminal antecedent. It is further submitted that there is nothing on record to suggest that the petitioner has misused the privilege of provisional bail.

Learned APP submits that recovery has been made from the house of the petitioner.

Considering the aforesaid facts and submissions of the parties, particularly the fact that there is nothing on record to suggest that the petitioner has misused the privilege of provisional bail, the provisional bail, granted to the petitioner vide order dated 11.06.2019 in connection with Barahiya P.S. Case No. 48 of 2019, pending in the Court of learned Additional Sessions Judge 2nd -cum-Special Judge, Lakhisarai, is hereby confirmed.

Accordingly, the order dated 11.06.2019 stands modified to the extent of placing the matter after disposal of



aforementioned S.L.P.

The present application is disposed of.

(Dinesh Kumar Singh, J)

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