

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.26965 of 2020

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-40 Year-2020 Thana- SIDHWALIYA District- Gopalganj

Nand Jee Yadav @ Nandji Yadav, Son of Late Shivjee Yadav, Resident of
Village- Sher Tola Bhoghata, P.S.- Sidhwaliya, District- Gopalganj.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Prateek Tandon, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Smt. Pushpa Sinha, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MADHURESH PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

2 05-11-2020 Since as of now the Courts have not resumed normal physical hearing, the matter has been listed today for consideration through video conferencing.

The learned counsels are appearing and making submissions from their residence. The Court Master and Secretary are also part of this virtual Court proceedings from their homes, all with the aid of audio visual technology.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned APP for the State.

The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Sidhwalia P.S. Case No.40 of 2020 registered for the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2018.

6.480 litres illicit liquor has allegedly been recovered



from the field having mustard crop.

It is submitted by the petitioner's counsel that on disclosure by the villagers, the petitioner has been implicated in this case. It is further submitted that admittedly, the recovery is from a place having general public access and therefore, recovery by no stretch of imagination can be attributed to the petitioner, much less criminal liability. No offence in the facts and circumstances is made out under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

Learned APP for the State has opposed the prayer for pre-arrest bail on the ground of the same being not maintainable in view of the statutory bar on pre-arrest bail under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

Considering the rival submissions and the facts, this Court, in view of the parameters for considering pre-arrest bail laid down by a Full Bench of this Court in the case of ***Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar***, reported in ***2019(2) PLJR 1089(FB)***, is inclined to accept the submissions advanced by the petitioner's counsel for the limited purpose of grant of pre-arrest bail. The petitioner's prayer for anticipatory bail is allowed.

Accordingly, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within a



period of four weeks from today, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned 2nd Additional District & Sessions Judge Cum Special Judge, Excise, Gopalganj, in connection with Sidhwalia P.S. Case No.40 of 2020, subject to the conditions as laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure as also subject to the following conditions:

(i) That one of the bailors will be a close relative of the petitioner who will give an affidavit giving genealogy as to how he is related with the petitioner. The bailor will also undertake to inform the court if there is any change in the address of the petitioner.

(ii) That the petitioner will be well represented on each date and if he fails to do so on two consecutive dates, his bail bond will be liable to be cancelled.

This Court would expect that the petitioner's counsel would honour his undertaking in the instant proceedings regarding supply of the requisite court fee etc. within two weeks from the date he is called upon to do so by the office.

(Madhuresh Prasad, J)

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