

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2777 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-332 Year-2021 Thana- KATEYA District- Gopalganj

MAINUDDIN ANSARI Son of Safique Ansari Resident of Village - Rani
Sariswa, Police Station - Mirganj, District - Gopalganj, Bihar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ravi Raj, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Arun Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 11-02-2022 Due to the third wave of COVID-19 Pandemic, the
matter is being taken up by way of Virtual Court proceeding.

The matter has been listed under the heading ‘For
Orders’ under the orders of Hon’ble the Chief Justice.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State through virtual mode.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to
remove the defects, as pointed out by the Office, within a period
of four weeks after restoration of normalcy.

The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case
registered under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and
Excise Act, 2016.

The prosecution case, in short, is that 58.14 liters wine
is recovered.



It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent. There is no allegation of tampering of witnesses alleged against the petitioner. The name of the petitioner has transpired as being owner of the bus in question. Except for this, there is no other substantive evidence to suggest the implication of the petitioner in this case. It is alleged that 58.14 liters wine is recovered from the bus in question. The said bus is run as public transport. The petitioner had no knowledge regarding the nature of goods kept in the bus by the passengers. Nothing incriminating has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. There is no compliance of Section 100 Cr.P.C.

On behalf of the State, it is submitted that the petitioner is named in the F.I.R.

It is necessary to indicate here that this Court while considering the prayer made in the present anticipatory bail application has taken note of the exponential rise in number of covid cases due to outbreak of third wave of Covid-19 pandemic. Further this Court can also not lose sight of the fact that the condition of jails is not conducive and suitable to the present situation which has arisen due to the sudden rise in covid cases.



Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petitioner, above named, in the event of arrest/surrender before the learned court below within a period of twelve weeks from today, be released on anticipatory bail on his personal bonds to the satisfaction of learned Additional District & Sessions Judge-II-cum- Special Judge, Gopalganj in connection with Kateya P.S. Case No. 332 of 2021, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Once the normalcy is restored, the petitioner shall furnish bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each within a period of eight weeks to the satisfaction of the Court concerned in connection with the aforesaid case.

(Sudhir Singh, J)

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