

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.5194 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-182 Year-2021 Thana- BAJPATTI District- Sitamarhi

1. Manoj Mandal @ Manoj Kumar Mandal Son Of Ramekbal Mandal R/O Village- Bachopatti, P.S.- Bajpatti, District- Sitamarhi
2. Ravi Kumar Son Of Laxman Sah R/O Village- Madhurapur, P.S.- Bajpatti, District- Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Lokesh Kumar Singh

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Humayou Ahmad Khan, 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.

Learned counsel for the petitioners is directed to remove the defect(s), as pointed out by the office, within a period of four weeks after restoration of normalcy.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and the State through virtual mode.

The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Bajpatti P.S. Case No. 182 of 2021 registered for the offence under Section-30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and



Excise (Amendment) Act, 2018.

The prosecution case, in short, is that 126.600 liters wine is recovered.

It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioners that the petitioners have got no criminal antecedent. There is no allegation of tampering of witnesses alleged against the petitioners. The petitioners have been falsely implicated in the present case. It is alleged that 126.600 litres wine is recovered from a motorcycle. The motorcycle, in question does not belong to the petitioner. The names of the petitioners have transpired in this case on the basis of disclosure made by co-accused. Except for this, there is no other substantive evidence to suggest the implication of the petitioners in the present case. Nothing incriminating has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioners. The petitioners had no knowledge regarding the alleged incident. There is no compliance of Section 100 Cr.P.C.

On behalf of the State, it is submitted that the petitioners are 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 of the case, the petitioners, above named, in the event of arrest or surrender before the learned court below within a period of twelve weeks from today, be released on anticipatory bail on their personal bonds to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-II-cum-Special Judge, Excise Act, Sitamarhi in connection with Bajpatti P.S. Case No. 182 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 petitioners 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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