

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.6111 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-676 Year-2021 Thana- DIGHA District- Patna

Lalti Devi Wife Of Anil Chouhan Resident Of Village- Kaldaspur, Police
Station- Churi, District- Gaya

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjay Kumar Singh, Advocate

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 17-02-2022 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 her arrest in a case
registered under Sections 30(a), 30(c), 32(iii) and 36(A) of the
Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

The prosecution case, in short, is that 53 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 the recovery is made from the joint house of the petitioner where other family members also reside. Except for this, there is no other substantive evidence to suggest the implication of the petitioner in this case. It is alleged that 53 liters wine is recovered out of which 25 liters wine is recovered from the joint house of the petitioner. The petitioner is a lady. Nothing incriminating has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. The petitioner 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 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 her personal bonds to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, Excise, Patna in connection with Digha P.S. Case No. 676/2021, 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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