

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.52279 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-87 Year-2022 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.
District- Gopalganj

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Nitu Devi W/o Shubham Agarwal Resident of Village- Gandhinagar, P.S.-
Padrauna, Distt- Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Sumit Kumar Jha, Advocate
	:	Mr. Ashish Giri, Advocate
	:	Ms. Riya Giri, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s	:	Mr. Anant Kumar 1, A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 21-11-2022 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to
remove the defect(s), as pointed out by the office, if any, within
a period of four weeks from today.

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

Recovery is of 172.800 liters of illicit foreign
liquor.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has clean antecedent and she has falsely been
implicated in the present case. He further submits that the



recovery has been made from the ambulance in question and not from petitioner's possession. He further submits that the co-accused persons, namely, Imran Ansari and Shubham Agarwal was apprehended and they disclose that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle in question and in fact, the co-accused, namely, Shubham Agarwal is the husband of the petitioner. Therefore, the recovery cannot be attributed to the petitioner. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr.P.C. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner referring the provision contained in Section 76(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and submitted that the pre-arrest bail would not be maintainable.

This court is aware of the decision of the Full Bench in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar** reported in **2019(2) P.L.J.R. 1089**. Having regard to the law laid down in the aforesaid judgment and the submission advanced on behalf of the parties, this Court, for the limited purpose of grant of anticipatory bail, is inclined to accept the submission of



counsel for the petitioner.

Considering the aforesaid facts, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of her arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the order, 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 Court below where the case is pending in connection with Excise Case No. 87 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and with other following conditions:-

1. Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be properly represented on each and every date fixed by the court and shall remain physically present as directed by the court and on her absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, her bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

2. If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

3. And further condition that the court below shall



verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Rajesh Kumar Verma, J)

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