

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.53431 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-323 Year-2019 Thana- BARAULI District- Gopalganj

LAL BABU Son of Sri Motilal Mahato Resident of Village - Mahammadpur
Thekha, P.S.- Barauli (Madhopur O.P.), District - Gopalganj.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 22-11-2022 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 his arrest in a case
registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of
Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

The allegation against the petitioner, as per First
Information Report, is that petitioner along with other accused
persons were seen in a video footage that they are selling illegal
liquor.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has clean antecedent and has falsely been implicated



in the present case only on the basis of video footage and except the video footage, no cogent material has come during investigation against the petitioner. He further submits that nothing has been recovered from petitioner's possession. He further submits that co-accused person namely Dakhalu Prasad has been granted anticipatory bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 05.01.2021 in Cr. Misc. No. 29972 of 2020 and another co-accused person namely Jitendra Prasad has been granted anticipatory bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 25.02.2020 in Cr. Misc. No. 898 of 2020. 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 his 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 Madhopur O.P. (Barauli) PS. Case No. 323 of 2019, 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 his absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his 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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