

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.63919 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-510 Year-2018 Thana- RAJAON District- Banka

Sri Narayan Chandra Dutta Son of Late Braja Ballav Dutta Residing at 20A,
Shyambazar Street, P.S.- Shyampukur, Kolkata - 700005, West Bengal

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rajesh Ranjan, Advocate

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 02-12-2022 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State in the virtual

court proceeding.

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 Sections 30(a) and
32(2) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2018.

Recovery is of 160 liters of liquor.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has clean antecedent and has falsely been implicated
in the present case. He further submits that the name of the
petitioner has been transpired during investigation and in fact,
the petitioner is not named in the F.I.R. He further submits that



the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle in question and he has handed over the vehicle to the Maruti authorized dealer during the purchase of the second car on the basis of the exchange scheme. He further submits that after October 18, the petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged vehicle in question. He further submits that the recovery has been made from vehicle in question and not from petitioner's possession. He further submits that the petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged recovery of illicit liquor. 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 and his name has been transpired during investigation and the petitioner has clean antecedent, 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 Rajoun P.S. Case No. 510 of 2018, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and with other following conditions:-

1. One of the bailors should be the son of the petitioner, namely, Nabyendu Dutta who is *parvikar* in the present case.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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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