

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA  
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.64258 of 2022**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-9 Year-2022 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.  
District- Darbhanga

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Ranjay Kumar S/o Jang Bahadur Singh R/v- Chapaki, P.S.- Sadar, District-  
Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ratanakar Jha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Suresh Prasad Singh, APP

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA  
ORAL ORDER**

2      06-12-2022                      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

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

Recovery is of 270 litres of Nepali country made  
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 recovery has  
been made from the vehicle in question and not from  
petitioner's possession. He further submits that the name of the  
petitioner has been transpired only on the basis that the



petitioner is the owner of the vehicle in question and in fact the petitioner has given the vehicle in question to the driver and the driver who is co-accused in the present case and without informing the petitioner the driver has carried the illicit liquor in the vehicle in question. He further submits that the petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged recovery of the 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 the conscious possession of the petitioner and he has no concern at all with the alleged recovery of the illicit liquor and the petitioner has clean antecedents, 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 Excise Case No. 09 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 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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