

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.66686 of 2022**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-147 Year-2021 Thana- MAHINDWARA District- Sitamarhi

RAJA RAI Son of Arun Rai R/o- Olipur, P.S.- Mahindwara, District-
Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ritesh Kumar Narain Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Shailendra Kumar, A.P.P.

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

2 09-12-2022 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State in virtual court
proceeding.

Let the defects, as pointed out by the office, be removed
within a period of four weeks from today.

The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case registered
for the offences punishable under Section 414 and 34 of the Indian
Penal Code and under Section 30(a)/36 of Bihar Prohibition and
Excise (Amendment) Act, 2018.

Recovery is of total 85.500 liters of illicit wine.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner
is innocent and he has falsely been implicated in the present case.
He further submits that the recovery has been made from vehicle
in question and not from petitioner's possession.
Therefore, the recovery cannot be attributed to the



petitioner. He further submits that petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the vehicle in question and he was not arrested at the spot. He further submits that petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged recovery of illicit wine or the vehicle in question. 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 and he further submits that petitioner carries one criminal antecedent other than the present one.

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 and circumstances, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the



petitioner and petitioner was not apprehended at the spot, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his arrest or surrender within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the order, be released on anticipatory 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 Mahindwara P.S. Case No. 147 of 2021, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. and also the 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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