

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.67543 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-316 Year-2022 Thana- RAJAPAKAR District- Vaishali

1. Barun Singh S/O Yugeshwar Singh R/O Village- Rampur Barhmdas, P.S- Rajapakar, District- Vaishali.
2. Pritesh Kumar @ Lukky Singh S/O Rama Singh R/O Village- Rampur Brahmdas, P.S- Rajapakar, District- Vaishali.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rakesh Prabhat, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Shyam Bihari Singh, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

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

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

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

Recovery is of 1200.240 liters of English wine.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have clean antecedent and have falsely been



implicated in the present case. He further submits that the recovery has been made from field of Janera and not from the petitioners' conscious possession. He further submits that the name of the petitioners have been transpired on the basis of confessional statement of the co-accused namely, Awdesh Singh. He further submits that the Janera field does not belong to the petitioners and the owner of the Janera field is Viraj Singh who has not made accused in the present case. He further submits that the petitioners have no concern at all with the alleged recovery of illicit liquor. Therefore, the recovery cannot be attributed to the petitioners. 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 petitioners under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners 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 petitioners.

Considering the aforesaid facts, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioners, let the petitioners, above named, in the event of their 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 Rajapakar P.S. Case No. 316 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. Petitioners 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 their absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, their bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

2. If the petitioners tamper 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 petitioners and in case at any state it is found that the petitioners have concealed their criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioners. 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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