

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.65742 of 2022**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-226 Year-2021 Thana- GAIGHAT District- Muzaffarpur

Ajay Kumar @ Ajay Ray Son Of Chandeshwar Ray R/O Village-
Pachhachhia, P.S.- Gaighat, District- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

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

**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 the Virtual Court
proceeding.

The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case
registered for the offences punishable under Sections 272, 273,
467, 468, 471/34 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections
30(a)/36/41(1) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

Recovery is of 2619.360 litres of illicit 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 truck in question and not from petitioner's
possession. He further submits that the petitioner is not named
in the F.I.R. and the name of the petitioner has been transpired



only on the basis of suspicion and except suspicion, no cogent material has come during investigation against the petitioner. He further submits that co-accused namely Ajit Kumar Singh @ Ajit Singh has been granted anticipatory bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 11.11.2022 in Cr. Misc. No. 51305 of 2022 and the case of the petitioner stands on better footing. 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 the petitioner is not named in the F.I.R. and the name of the petitioner has been transpired only on the basis of suspicion and the petitioner having 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 Gaighat PS. Case No. 226 of 2021, 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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