

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.16728 of 2023**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-317 Year-2018 Thana- DARBHANGA SADAR District-
Darbhanga

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SANTOSH SAHNI, aged about 44 years (Male), Son of Bindeshwar Sahni,
R/V- Shivajinagar, P.S- Town Dist- Darbhanga.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Rajeev Ranjan, Advocate
For the Opposite Party : Mr. Syed Ehteshamuddin, A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 10-05-2023 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned A.P.P. for the State.

The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Sadar (Mabbi O.P.) P.S. Case No. 317 of 2018 for the offence registered under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

The prosecution story, in brief, is that total 542.570 liters wine is said to have been recovered from the house of co-accused, namely, Ram Sajivan Sahani.

It has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case. There is no allegation of tampering with



the witnesses alleged against the petitioner. It is alleged that total 542.570 liters wine is recovered from the house of co-accused, namely, Ram Sajivan Sahani. The petitioner is named in the F.I.R. The name of the petitioner has transpired in the present case on the basis of confessional statement of the co-accused. Except for this, there is no other substantive evidence to suggest the implication of the petitioner in this case. Nothing incriminating has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. The petitioner had no knowledge regarding the alleged incident. There is no compliance of Section 100 Cr. P.C. Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance upon the order dated 13.04.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Criminal Appeal No. 626 of 2022, arising out of SLP (Crl.) No. 3005 of 2022 (Sweta Kumari-Versus-The State of Bihar)*.

On behalf of the State, it is submitted that the petitioner is named in the F.I.R/ Complaint Case.

Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petitioner, above named, in the event of arrest/surrender before the learned court below within a period of twelve



weeks from today, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Court below/concerned Court, in connection with Sadar (Mabbi O.P.) P.S. Case No. 317 of 2018, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(Sudhir Singh, J)

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