

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.60052 of 2023**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-327 Year-2023 Thana- BHORE District-
Gopalganj

=====

SRIKANT CHAUHAN SON OF LATE JHAGADU MAHATO RESIDENT OF
VILLAGE - BANKATTA JAGIRDARI, P.S. - BHORE, DISTRICT - GOPALGNAJ

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

=====

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Vikash Kumar Shukla
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Dilip Kumar No. 1

=====

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 07-10-2023 Heard Mr. Vikash Kumar Shukla, learned counsel

for the petitioner and Mr. Dilip Kumar No.1, learned A.P.P. for

the State.

The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection

with Bhore P.S. Case No. 327 of 2023 dated 08.07.2023

registered for the offence under Sections 30(a) and 41(1) of

the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

Recovery is of 70.80 liters of country made liquor.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner

submits that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been

implicated in this case. He further submits that on bare

perusal of the F.I.R. and the seizure list, it appears that

nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession



of the petitioner rather the alleged recovery has been made from the bush near the Syahi river. He further submits that the petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged recovery. Name of the petitioner transpired in this case on the disclosure made by the local Chaukidar. Save and except the disclosure of the chaukidar, no cogent material has surfaced during course of investigation suggesting the involvement of the petitioner in the alleged occurrence. He further submits that the petitioner has been made accused in this case on the basis of his previous antecedent. He further submits that no case is made out against the petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner referring to the provisions contained in Section 76(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and submits that the application seeking pre-arrest bail is not 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 facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that nothing incriminating has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner and he has been made accused in this case at the behest of local chaukidar, let the, above named, petitioner, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of four weeks, 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 learned Additional Sessions Judge-II -cum- Special Judge, (Excise Act) Court No.1, Gopalganj in connection with Bhore P.S. Case No. 327 of 2023, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. as also with 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/her absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his/her bail bond shall be canceled 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.

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)

brajesh/-

U		T	
---	--	---	--

