

statement made by the *Chaukidar*. It is further submitted that similarly situated co-accused Mukesh Chaudhary @ Mukesh Kumar vide Cr. Misc. No.59714 of 2023 and co-accused Butan Kumar vide Cr. Misc. No.58822 of 2023 have been granted anticipatory bail by co-ordinate Benches of this Court. Lastly, it has been submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents.

5. Learned APP has opposed the prayer for bail.

6. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case and submissions of learned counsel for the parties, in the event of arrest or surrender before the Court below within six weeks from today, the petitioner be released on bail upon furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Exclusive Special Excise Court No.2, Bhojpur at Ara, in Sahar PS Case No.118 of 2023, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Khatim Reza, J)

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