

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.59867 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-57 Year-2023 Thana- RANIGANJ District- Araria

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SURENDRA MANDAL @ SURENDRA KUMAR Son of Bande Lal Mandal
R/o vill - Laxmipur, P.S. - Raniganj, Distt. - Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ramesh Kumar Singh, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Akbar Ali, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

3 01-11-2023 Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to remove the defect(s), as pointed out by the office, if any, within a period of three weeks from today.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

3. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in connection with Raniganj P.S. Case No. 57 of 2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 24.75 litres of illicit foreign liquor from a bolero vehicle and 35.25 litres of illicit foreign liquor from the courtyard of the co-accused were recovered.



5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. No incriminating material has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. The said vehicle was not being driven by the petitioner at the time of alleged occurrence. The petitioner is the owner of the said vehicle. The name of the petitioner has transpired in the confessional statement of the co-accused Karan Kumar Mishra. The petitioner is also accused in one more criminal case and he is on bail in the said case as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Learned counsel has submitted that no case is made out against the petitioner. Learned Counsel has relied on the judgment of Full Bench of Hon'ble Patna High Court in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar 2019 (2) PLJR 1089**. The Full Bench in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav (supra)** has held that an application for anticipatory bail in a case arising out of Bihar Excise and Prohibition Act can be maintained, despite the bar under Section 76 (2) of the Act, if on the basis of allegation made in the FIR, no offence under the said provision is made out.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner by submitting that the bar of Section 76(2) of the Act applies in this



case.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case as well as the material available on record, let the above named petitioner, in the event of his arrest/surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be enlarged on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned, Araria in connection with Raniganj P.S. Case No. 57 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

8. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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