

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.61321 of 2023**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-674 Year-2022 Thana- DARBHANGA SADAR District-
Darbhanga

Ranjeet Kumar S/O Bhikho Sahni R/O Village- Hengauli, P.S. Sadar, Dist.
Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Shishir Shwetank Sudarshan, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Md. Iftekhar Mahmood, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER**

2 12-10-2023 Heard Mr.Shishir Shwetank Sudarshan, learned
counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Md. Iftekhar Mahmood,
learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Sadar (Sonki OP) P.S.Case No.674 of 2022
registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of
Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

3. Recovery is of 20 liters of country made liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has clean antecedent. He has falsely been implicated
in the present case merely on the ground that the petitioner is
owner of the motorcycle in question from which the illicit liquor
was recovered. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that



from a bare perusal of the FIR it appears that nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner rather the recovery has been made from the motorcycle in question and the petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged recovery of illicit liquor. 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.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for 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.

6. 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) PLJR 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.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner, petitioner



has clean antecedent, 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 learned Exclusive Special Judge-1 (Excise Act), Darbhanga in connection with Sadar (Sonki OP) P.S.Case No.674 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and with other following conditions:-

(I) 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 their absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his bail bonds shall be cancelled by the Court below.

(II) If the petitioner tamper with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

(III) 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 antecedents, 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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