

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.71414 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-202 Year-2023 Thana- KHANPURA District- Samastipur

Mukesh Mahto @ Mukesh Kumar S/O Surendra Singh @ Surendra Kumar
Singh Village- Sari, Ps. Warisnagar (MATHURAPUR O.P.), Dist. Samastipur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Mahendra Pratap, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ramesh Chandra, A.P.P.

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
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ORAL ORDER

2 23-11-2023 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
connection with Khanpura P.S Case No. 202 of 2023 dated
31.07.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 912.240 litres of
illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the six wheeler truck
bearing Registration No. RJ14 GE-5046.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted



that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. It is further submitted that the petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the alleged Truck bearing Registration No. RJ14 GE-5046 and has no connection with the recovered illicit liquor. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated at para 3 of the bail petition. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. 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 reported in 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 nature of allegation against the



petitioner, 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, Samastipur in connection with Khanpur P.S. Case No. 202 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

Nilmani/-

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