

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.73449 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-213 Year-2022 Thana- JOGBANI District- Araria

Ramesh Mehta @ Ramesh Prasad Mehta S/O Indra Mehta R/O Village-
Bajnathpur Pipra, P.S- Jogbani, Distt.- Araria.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State Of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Mrigendra Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Yogendra Kumar Singh, APP

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

2 29-11-2023 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 Jogbani P.S. Case No. 213 of 2022 dated
10.07.2022 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 16.5 litres of
Umang Nepali liquor was recovered from a motorcycle.

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 petitioner is the owner of the said motorcycle. The said motorcycle was not being driven by the petitioner at the time of alleged occurrence. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent 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 Jogbani P.S. Case No. 213 of 2022, 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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