

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.76011 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-365 Year-2023 Thana- BYPASS District- Patna

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RANJEET CHOUDHARY @ RANJIT CHAUDHARY SON OF LATE
SADAN CHOUDHARY RESIDENT OF OM COLONY, KARMALI CHAK,
POLICE STATION - BYPASS, DISTRICT - PATNA

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Akhauri Kamal Kishore Sahay, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ahmad Ali, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 29-11-2023 Heard Mr. Akhauri Kamal Kishore Sahay, learned

counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Ahmad Ali, learned

Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case
registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of
Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act.

3. Recovery is of 2.340 liters of foreign liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has clean antecedent and has falsely been implicated
in the present case merely on the basis of suspicion and the
disclosure made by local people. He further submits that from
perusal of the F.I.R. as well as seizure list nothing has been



recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. Therefore, the recovery cannot be attributed to the petitioner. 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. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory 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) P.L.J.R. 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 and the name of the petitioner has been transpired on the basis of disclosure made by local people and the petitioner having 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 Special Judge, Excise, Patna City, Patna in connection with Bypass PS. Case No. 365 of 2023, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and with other following conditions:-

1. 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 his absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

2. If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

3. 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 antecedent, 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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