

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.75753 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-186 Year-2023 Thana- KOPA District- Saran

Rahul Kumar Singh @ Rahul Singh S/O Akhilesh Singh R/O Vill - Paharpur,
P.S. - Amnour, Dist - Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Md. Nazir Ansari, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 29-11-2023 Heard Mr. Avnish Kumar Singh, learned counsel
for the petitioner and Mr. Md. Nazir Ansari, learned Additional
Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Kopa P.S. Case No. 186 of 2023, F.I.R dated 06.09.2023 registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 130.5 liters of Whisky.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has clean antecedent and he has falsely been implicated in the present case merely on the ground that the recovery which has been made from the vehicle in question belongs to the petitioner. He further submits that in fact, the driver of the vehicle namely, Golu Singh had taken away the



said vehicle in question from the petitioner and after that the recovery has been made from that very vehicle. He further submits that from perusal of the F.I.R it appears that nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner and the petitioner has been made accused only on the ground that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle in question. 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 petitioner has clean antecedent and he is implicated in this case only on the ground that he is the owner of the vehicle in question, 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 the learned 3rd Exclusive Special Excise Judge, Saran at Chapra in connection with Kopa P.S. Case No. 186 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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