

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.1269 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-56 Year-2022 Thana- MAIGRA District- Gaya

MANOJ GUPTA @ MANOJ KUMAR Son of Ram Prasad Gupta R/V-
Kavisa, P.S- Dumaiya, Dist- Gaya

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Brij Mohan Das, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Anand Kishore Choudhary, APP

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

2 10-02-2023 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.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case
registered for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act.

As per the prosecution case, total 4.740 litres of
foreign liquor was recovered from the house of the co-accused
who disclosed the name of the petitioner by saying that the said
liquor was purchased by him from the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that



the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. The name of the petitioner has transpired on the basis of the disclosure of the co-accused. 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.

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.

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, Gaya in connection with Maigra P.S. Case No. 56 of 2022, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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