

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.7612 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-1280 Year-2023 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Patna

Prop Bharat Goswami @ Bharat Goaswami Son of Late Sita Ram Goswami
R/o vill - Kakrali Dera Bassi, P.S. - SAS Nagar, Distt. - Mohali, Punjab

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ajay Kumar Sinha, Adv.

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

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

2 20-02-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in
Excise Case No. 1280 of 2023 dated 09.08.2023 for the offences
punishable u/s 30(a) and 56(b) of the Bihar Prohibition and
Excise Act, 2016.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 711 litres of illicit
foreign liquor was recovered from the truck.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that the petitioner is innocent and 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 vehicle. The said vehicle was not being driven



by the petitioner at the time of the alleged occurrence. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has made accused in the present case because he is the owner of the said vehicle. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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, Patna in connection with Excise Case No. 1280 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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