

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.5655 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-341 Year-2023 Thana- SARAI RANJAN District- Samastipur

Raju Ray S/O Devendra Ray R/O Village- Nauchak, P.S- Sarai Ranjan, Distt.-
Samastipur.

... .. Petitioner/S

Versus

The State Of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Anuj Kumar, Adv.

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

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

ORAL ORDER

2 16-02-2024 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 connection with Sarairanjan P.S. Case No. 341 of 2023 dated 07.12.2023 for the offence punishable u/s 30(a), 41(i)(ii) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 1350 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 neither the owner nor the driver of the said vehicle. The petitioner has



no concern with the alleged recovery. The name of the petitioner has transpired in the confessional statement of co-accused Manoj Kumar (driver). The petitioner has two criminal antecedent of similar nature 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, Samastipur in connection with Sarairanjan P.S. Case No. 341 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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