

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.5832 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-371 Year-2023 Thana- KOCHAS District- Rohtas

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SANJAY PASWAN SON OF BIKRAMA PASWAN Resident of Village -
Badaki Khadari, Police Station - Karagahar, District - Rohtas (Sasaram)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Saroj Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Syed Mojibur Rahman

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

2 16-02-2024 Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to

remove the defect(s), as pointed out by the office, if any, within

a period of three weeks from today.

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

3. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Kochas (Parsathua OP) P.S. Case No. 371 of
2023, dated 05.12.2023, for the offences punishable under
Sections 414, 467, 467, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code read
with section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise
(Amendment) Act, 2018/2022.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 961.200 litres of
country made liquor has been recovered from the tractor.



5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has three criminal antecedents of similar nature and he is on bail in one case as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The name of the petitioner has sprung up in the confessional statement of the co-accused Barmendra Kumar. Petitioner is neither owner nor driver of the seized tractor. No incriminating material has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence 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 reported in 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.

6. Learned APP 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.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances



of the case as well as the nature of allegation against the petitioner, 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, Rohtas at Sasaram in connection with Kochas (Parsathua OP) P.S. Case No. 371 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

8. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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