

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.11384 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-346 Year-2023 Thana- BHANGWANPUR HAT District- Siwan

Pravesh Mahto @ Ram Pravesh Chauhan Son of Late Saral Mahto Resident
of Village-Lahuri Kauria, P.s.-Bhagwanpur Hatt, District-Siwan.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vijay Bardhan Pandey, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Tarkeshwar Nath Thakur, APP.

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

ORAL ORDER

2 28-02-2024 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 Bhagwanpur Hatt P.S. Case No. 346 of 2023 dated 08.10.2023 for the offence punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 2 litres of illicit mahua country made liquor was recovered near the bathan of the petitioner.

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 recovery was made



from an open place that is accessible to anyone. Local people disclosed the name of the petitioner. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has one other 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, Siwan in
connection with Bhagwanpur Hatt P.S. Case No. 346 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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