

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.8414 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-140 Year-2023 Thana- RIGA District- Sitamarhi

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Guljar Ansari @ Guljar Ansari Son of Aman Ansari Resident of Village-
Bhawdepur, P.S.-Riga, Distt.-Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Uday Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Md. Iftekhar Mahmood

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

2 21-02-2024 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.

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 Riga P.S. Case No. 140 of 2023, dated
30.03.2023 for the offences punishable under Section 414 of the
Indian Penal Code and u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and
Excise Amendment Act, 2018.

4. As per prosecution case, total 678.6 litres of illicit
liquor has been recovered from the hut of Sanjay Rai and the
different vehicles.



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 as stated in para 3 of the bail petition in which he is on bail. The name of the petitioner was transpired on the basis of confessional statement of apprehended co-accused Sanjay Rai. Nothing 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, Sitamarhi in connection with Riga P.S. Case No. 140 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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