

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.12087 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-674 Year-2023 Thana- GOVINDGANJ District- East
Champaran

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Santosh Pandey @ Santosh Kumar Pandey Son of Nagina Pandey Resident of
Lauriya, P.S.- Govindganj, District- East Champaran at Motihari

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Patna

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Abhishek Ranjan
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Sanjay Kumar Tiwary

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

2 29-02-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his/her arrest in a
case in connection with Govindganj P.S. Case No. 674 of 2023
dated 07.12.2023 for the offence/s punishable u/ss 272 and 273
of the IPC and section 30(a) and 40(1) of the Bihar Prohibition
and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 13.32 litres of
illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the two motorcycles.

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 motorcycles. The apprehended co-accused person disclosed the name of the petitioner. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. 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, Motihari at East Champaran in connection with Govindganj P.S. Case No. 674 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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