

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.14891 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-48 Year-2023 Thana- KUNAULI District- Supaul

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Kishundev Mehta @ Kishundev Mahta S/o Saryug Mehta R/o vill - Shahpur
Prithvipatti, P.s. - Bhaptiyahi, Distt. - Supaul

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Pramod Mishra, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mrs.Shaheen Begum, APP

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

2 07-03-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Kunauli Dagmara P.S. Case No. 48 of 2023 dated 27.05.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 1080 litres of illicit Nepali liquor was recovered from the boat near the bank of the Koshi river.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has one criminal antecedent 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, Om Prakash Mehta. The petitioner is not the owner of the said boat and he has no concern with the alleged recovery. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. 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.

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 the 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, Supaul in connection with Kunauli P.S. Case No. 48 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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