

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.12391 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-111 Year-2023 Thana- MANIGACHI District- Darbhanga

Mishri Mandal Son of Jageshwar Mandal Resident of Village- Patai, P.S.-
Manigachhi, District- Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Nawal Kishor Prasad, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Lakshmi Kant Sharma, APP

**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 arrest in connection with Manigachhi P.S. Case No. 111 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 45 litres of illicit Nepali liquor was recovered from the vehicle and 15 litres of illicit wine was recovered from the bag of the co-accused, Rama Devi. It is further alleged that 60 litres of illicit Nepali liquor was recovered from a magic van, 30 litres of illicit liquor was recovered from the house of Ramvatar Das. 45 litres of illicit liquor was recovered from Scorpio and 15 litres of illicit



liquor was recovered from the bag of Ramda Devi, Ramavatar Das and Ramda Devi.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is the owner of the magic van and the said vehicle was not being driven by the petitioner at the time of the alleged recovery. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery rather the recovery has been made from an open place which is accessible to anyone. 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 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, Darbhanga in connection with Manigachhi P.S. Case No. 111 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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