

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.13185 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-385 Year-2023 Thana- PALASI District- Araria

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Fakir Lal Chaudhary Son of Late Jhitlal Chaudhary R/o Village- Virakol ward
no.14, P.S.- Palasi, District- Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Mukesh Kumar Rana, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Syed Ehteshamuddin, APP.

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

ORAL ORDER

2 05-03-2024 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 Palasi P.S. Case No. 385 of 2023 dated
31.12.2023 for the offence punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2018.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 82.5 litres of
illicit Nepali liquor was recovered from the bush behind the
house 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. The name of the petitioner has transpired merely on suspicion. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has one 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, Araria in
connection with Palasi P.S. Case No. 385 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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