

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.17120 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-603 Year-2023 Thana- CHHATAUNI District- East Champaran

Sumit Kumar S/O Late Krishna Murari Prasad R/O Mohalla- Mathiya Zirat,  
P.S- Chhatauni, Distt.- East Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vijay Shankar Shrivastava, Adv  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Meena Singh, APP

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

2      14-03-2024                      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Chhatauni P.S. Case No. 603 of 2023 dated 03.12.2023 of the offences punishable u/s 30(a), 32 (2), 32(3), 36, 41(a) 41(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act 2018.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 195.09 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered near the wall of the petitioner's house and house of the co-accused *Vinit Kumar*.

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 name of the petitioner has



transpired in this case only on the basis of the suspicion. No incriminating article 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,



East Champaran, in connection with Chhatauni P.S. Case No.  
603 of 2023 subject to conditions as laid down under section  
438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. This application stands allowed.

**(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)**

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