

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.16008 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-216 Year-2020 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.
District- Begusarai

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Arun Choudhary Son of Ramdeo Choudhary, Resident of Village- Rajaura,
Ward No. 12, P.S.- Muffasil, District- Begusarai.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Arjun Prasad, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Akshay Lal Pandit, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

3 16-04-2024 Heard Mr. Arjun Prasad, the learned counsel for the

petitioner and Mr. Akshay Lal Pandit, the learned Additional

Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in

connection with Excise PS Case No. 216C2 of 2020, FIR dated

20.10.2020, registered for the offences punishable under Section

30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 22 litres of country made liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that

petitioner has clean antecedent and he has falsely been

implicated in the present case and the allegation levelled in the

FIR is false and fabricated and the petitioner has not committed

any offence as alleged in the FIR. He further submits that upon



perusal of the FIR it appears that 22 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered from the house of the petitioner and nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner and petitioner is not the exclusive owner of the house in question. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr.P.C. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner referring the provision contained in Section 76(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and submitted that the pre-arrest bail would not be maintainable.

6. This Court is aware of the decision of the full Bench in the case of *Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar* reported in **2019(2) P.L.J.R. 1089**. Having regard to the law laid down in the aforesaid judgment and the submission advanced on behalf of the parties, this Court, for the limited purpose of grant of anticipatory bail, is inclined to accept the submission of counsel for the petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances and the fact that nothing has been recovered from conscious



possession of the petitioner and the petitioner has clean antecedent, let the petitioner, above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the trial Court within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the order, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Exclusive Special Excise Court No. 2, Begusarai, where the case is pending in connection with **Excise PS Case No. 216C2 of 2020**, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. and also the following conditions:-

(i). Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be properly represented on each and every date fixed by the trial Court and shall remain physically present as directed by the trial Court and on his absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his bail bond shall be cancelled by the trial Court.

(ii). If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

(iii). And further condition that the trial Court shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case, at



any stage, it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the trial Court shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Rajesh Kumar Verma, J)

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