

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.16690 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-362 Year-2023 Thana- KEWATI District- Darbhanga

Baljeet Kumar Chaupal @ Balijeet Chaupal, S/o Hari Chaupal @ Harischandr
Chaupal R/o Vill - Lalganj Ward No. 14, P.S. - Keoti, Dist. - Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vinay Kumar Mishra
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Syed Mojibur Rahman

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 14-03-2024 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in anticipation of his
arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under
Section 30(a) of the Excise Act.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner has antecedent of one case and the allegation is of
recovery of 30 litres of liquor from courtyard of the petitioner.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession and after Amendment
in the Excise Act, 2018, the concept of deemed possession and
presumed offender has been done away with. It is also submitted
that even the house, which is a joint family property and thus,



cannot be alleged with certainty that it was the petitioner, who had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house was within his knowledge and he came to be implicated at the instance of Chaukidar with whom he is on an inimical term.

5. Learned A.P.P. opposes the bail application.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner, above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of six weeks, is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail-bonds in the sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge, Excise 1st, Darbhanga in connection with Keoti P. S. Case No.362 of 2023, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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