

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.17986 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-461 Year-2023 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Aurangabad

Jagruti Acharya @Jagrutiben Acharya Daughter Of Nareshbhai Acharya  
Resident Of Village- B-10, Kunj Duplex, Near Vajradhara-2, Tarsali,  
Vododara, Ongccell, Gujara

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ashutosh Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Yogendra Kumar Singh

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

ORAL ORDER

2      18-03-2024                      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 461 of 2023 dated 01.06.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 4851 litres of illicit liquor was recovered from the truck.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has one criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence



no case is made out. The petitioner is the owner of the said vehicle but the said vehicle was not being driven by the petitioner at the time of the alleged occurrence. The said vehicle was used for commercial purpose. 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, Aurangabad in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 461 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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