

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.19557 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-180 Year-2023 Thana- PRATAPGANJ District- Supaul

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BRAHMDEV SHARMA S/O LAXMI SHARMA R/O VILLAGE-
BHALUKUP, WARD NO. 06, P.S- PRATAPGANJ, DISTT.- SUPAUL.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Shatrughna Pandey

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Gauri Shankar Gupta

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

2 28-03-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Pratapganj P.S. Case No. 180 of 2023, dated 22.09.2023 for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act, 2018.

3. As per prosecution case, total 180 litres of illicit country made Nepali liquor was recovered from seven plastic sack kept in paddy field 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. 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 on the basis of suspicion. Learned counsel further submitted that the recovery is made from the open place behind the house. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence 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 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 APP 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, Supaul in connection with Pratapganj P.S. Case No. 180 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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