

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.17025 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-445 Year-2023 Thana- WARISNAGAR District- Samastipur

Ranjit Sahni S/o Late Ramchandra Sahni R/o Vill - Hansa, P.S. - Warisnagar,
Dist. - Samastipur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shashank Shekhar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Gulnar Begum, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 2 18-03-2024 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State.
2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case registered for the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2022.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is a person with clean antecedent.
4. Allegation is of recovery of 15 litres of liquor from the house of the petitioner.
5. 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 in the year, 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It is further submitted that the house in question is a joint family property as such it 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. It is next submitted that petitioner came to be implicated at the instance of the local people but then the name of the person who disclosed the name of the petitioner is not disclosed in the FIR which casts as aspersion on the case of the prosecution, when petitioner admittedly is a person with clean antecedent.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

7. 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 from today, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court below where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Warisnagar P.S. Case No. 445 of 2023, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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