

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.22128 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-248 Year-2023 Thana- AGIAON District- Bhojpur

1. Raushani Devi son of Mukesh Paswan Resident of Village- Agion, P.S.Agaion Bazar, District- Bhojpur
2. Mukesh Paswan @ Mukesh Kumar son of Late Kamala Paswan Resident of Village- Agion, P.S.Agaion Bazar, District- Bhojpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ajay Kumar Singh, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Pronoti Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 04-04-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in a case in connection with Agion Bazar P.S. Case No. 248 of 2023 dated registered for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 40 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered from the house of the petitioners and the motorcycle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioners have no criminal



antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The name of the petitioners has surfaced in this case merely on suspicion. As per the seizure list, the recovery was made near the door of the house of the petitioners which creates doubt upon the prosecution case. The petitioners have no concern with the alleged recovery rather the recovery has been made from an open place which is accessible to anyone. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioners, hence no case is made out. 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 petitioners 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 material available on the record, let the above named petitioners, in the event of their arrest/surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned court concerned, Bhojpur at Ara in connection with Agiaon Bazar P.S. Case No. 248 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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