

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.21109 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-4 Year-2024 Thana- DEEPNAGAR District- Nalanda

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PRADEEP KEWAT S/O NITISH KEWAT @ JAGDISH KEWAT R/O  
CHAKDILAWAR, P.S- DEEPNAGAR, DISTT.- NALANDA.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Pramod Kumar Sinha, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Sanjay Kumar Sharma, APP

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

2      02-04-2024                      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Deepnagar P.S. Case No. 04 of 2024 dated 02.01.2024 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 28 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered which was thrown by the petitioner and the co-accused persons.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has two criminal antecedents in which he is on bail as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The name of



the petitioner was disclosed by the apprehended co-accused person. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. Learned counsel has further submitted that the said liquor was not thrown by the petitioner. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, 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 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 material available on the record, 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, Nalanda at Biharsharif in connection with Deepnagar P.S. Case No. 04 of 2024, 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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