

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.19237 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-70 Year-2023 Thana- MAHISHI District- Saharsa

Shobha Yadav @ Shobhakant Yadav S/o Rajendra Yadav R/o vill - Baghwa,
P.S. - Mahishi (Jalai O.P.), Distt. - Saharsa

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Sameer Ranjan
		Mr. Prabhakar Thakur
For the Opposite Party/s	:	Mr. Md. Anzarul Haque Sahara

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

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 Mahishi (Jalai O.P.) P.S. Case No. 70 of 2023, dated 31.03.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code and u/ss 30(a), 41 and 47 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per prosecution case, total 1056.6 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from a container and 241.9 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from a asbestos house of the co-accused Heera Yadav.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in



this case. The petitioner has four criminal antecedents in which all cases he is on bail as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is neither the owner of the seized container nor owner of 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, Saharsa in connection with Mahishi (Jalai O.P.) P.S. Case No. 70 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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