

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23537 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-998 Year-2023 Thana- ARA NAGAR District- Bhojpur

Sonu Mahto @ Sone Lal Mahto son of Motilal Mahto Village- Ibrahimnagar
PS- Ara Town Dist- Bhojpur at Ara

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Shashank Shekhar, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Asha Devi, APP

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

2 08-04-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Ara Town P.S. Case No. 998 of 2023 dated 10.12.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and Section 25(1-b)a, 26 and 35 of the Arms Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 40 litres of illicit mahua liquor and a revolver along with 12 live cartridges were recovered beside the house of the co-accused, Hemant Kumar.

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 was disclosed by the apprehended co-accused person. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery rather the recovery has been made beside the house of the co-accused person. 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, Bhojpur at Ara in connection with Ara Town P.S. Case No. 998 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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