

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23541 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-952 Year-2019 Thana- PATRAKARNAGAR District- Patna

Soni Devi @ Chandani Malik Wife Of Sri Munna Malik Resident Of Village -  
Malahi Pakadi, Near Radha Krishna Mandir, Jhoparpatti, P.S. - Patrakangar,  
District - Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sharad Kumar Verma, Adv.  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Akshay Lal Pandit, 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 her arrest in connection with Patrakarnagar P.S. Case No. 952 of 2019 dated 19.11.2019 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 53.5 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the garbage *thela* near *nala* behind the house of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner is a lady and she has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The name of



the petitioner has transpired in this case merely on suspicion. It is further submitted that the petitioner has 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 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 her 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, Patna in connection with Patrakarnagar P.S. Case No. 952 of 2019, 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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