

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23953 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-57 Year-2023 Thana- RAIYAM District- Darbhanga

INDRAJEET SAHNI @ INDRAJIT SAHNI S/O RAMSARAN SAHNI R/O
VILLAGE- MURIYA, P.S- SADAR (BHALPATTI O.P.), DISTT.-
DARBHANGA.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Vinay Kumar Mishra, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Nagendra Prasad, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

2 20-03-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in
connection with Raiyam P.S. Case No. 57 of 2023 dated
07.10.2023 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 39.3 litres of
illicit Nepali liquor was recovered from the motorcycle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in
this case. No incriminating material has been recovered from the
conscious possession of the petitioner. The petitioner is neither
the owner nor the driver of the said motorcycle. The petitioner



was made accused only because he is the husband of the owner of the motorcycle. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Similarly statued co-accused has already been granted anticipatory bail by this court vide order dated 31.01.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 1127 of 2024. Learned counsel has submitted that 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 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 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, Darbhanga in connection with Raiyam P.S. Case No. 57 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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