

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.29214 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-329 Year-2023 Thana- MURLIGANJ District- Madhepura

Jalim Singh, aged about 40 years, Male, Son of Subhash Singh, Resident of Village- Rajni, Police Station- Murliganj, District- Madhepura.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Ranjay Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party : Mr. Md. Iftekhar Mahmood, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 19-07-2024 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 Murliganj P.S. Case No. 329 of 2023 dated 12.08.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a), 32(ii), (iii), 41(i), (ii) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 3792 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from a truck and a Pick-Up van.

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 seized vehicles. The apprehended co-accused person disclosed the name of the petitioner. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The co-accused has already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 27.06.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 26440 of 2024. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. 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, Madhepura in connection with Murliganj P.S. Case No. 329 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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