

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.27025 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-6 Year-2024 Thana- SIKTI District- Araria

Sanjay Kumar Mandal SON OF LOCHAN MANDAL RESIDENT OF
VILLAGE- KASAT KHATIYA TOLA, WARD NO. 07, PS- SIKTY DIST-
ARARIA

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ramesh Kumar Singh
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Prem Kumar Jha

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 2 09-04-2024 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned A.P.P. for the State.
2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case
registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the
Bihar Excise Act.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and allegation is of
recovery of 15 litres of liquor from a place behind the kitchen of
the house of the petitioner.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession and after the
amendment in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of



deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It is next submitted that house is a joint family property as such it cannot be alleged with certainty that it was petitioner who had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house within knowledge of the petitioner. It is next submitted that he came to be implicated at the instance of local people. It is also submitted that in majority of the cases, the police, in a mechanical manner, is implicating the accused persons either at the instance of Chowkidar or local person but then it absolutely does not stand to reason that if local people was aware of the involvement of the petitioner in the occurrence then why he/she did not inform the police prior to institution of the instant FIR which further casts aspersion on the case of the prosecution, when petitioner admittedly is a person with clean antecedent.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned trial court within a period of six weeks from today, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) with two sureties of the like amount each to the



satisfaction of the learned trial court where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Skity P.S. Case No. 6 of 2024 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. It is made clear that the learned trial court before accepting the bail bonds of the petitioner shall verify the criminal antecedents of the petitioner and in the event if it is found that the petitioner has antecedent of even one case, in that event the present anticipatory bail order shall not be given effect.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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