

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.28968 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-307 Year-2023 Thana- HUSSAINGANJ District- Siwan

1. Amritkant Singh @ Amritansh Singh @ Sunny Singh @ Amritansh Kumar Singh @ Sani Singh S/o Jugeshwar Singh @ Yogeshwar Singh R/o vill - Narendrapur, P.S. - Andar, distt. - Siwan
2. Abhishek Chaturvedi @ Dhanu Chaubey @ Abhishek Kumar Chaturvedi S/o Lalan Chaturvedi R/o vill - Sandhi, P.S. - Raghunathpur, distt. - Siwan

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Bijay Prakash Singh
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Nitya Nand Tiwary

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 20-04-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioners have preferred this application for grant of anticipatory bail in connection with Hussainganj P.S. Case No. 307 of 2023 dated 23.12.2023 for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per prosecution case, total 594 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered from a Scorpio.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioners have no criminal



antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The name of the petitioners have transpired on the basis of suspicion. The petitioners are neither the owner nor the driver of the seized vehicle. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioners, hence no case is made out against the petitioners. 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 APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners 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 nature of allegation against the petitioners, let the above named petitioners, in the event of their 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) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned, Siwan in connection with Hussainganj P.S. Case No. 307 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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