

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.27257 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-15 Year-2024 Thana- JOGBANI District- Araria

Shankar Kumar Mandal S/o Chhawilal Mandal R/o vill - Shyamnagar, ward
no. 15, P.S. - Narpatganj, Distt. - Araria, Bihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Gopal Kumar Jha

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Shaheen Begum

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
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ORAL ORDER

2 18-04-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of anticipatory bail in connection with Jogbani P.S. Case No. 15 of 2024, dated 21.01.2024 for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per prosecution case, total 24 litres of illicit Nepali liquor was recovered from the sack kept on a motorcycle.

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



in this case because he is the registered owner of the seized motorcycle but the same was not being driven by the petitioner at the time of the alleged recovery. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence 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 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 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 nature of allegation against the petitioner, 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, Araria in connection with Jogbani P.S. Case No. 15 of 2024, 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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