

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.28871 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-196 Year-2023 Thana- LODIPUR District- Bhagalpur

Dilkush Kumar Son of Suresh Yadav R/o Village- Artaha, Raibhir Ward No.2,  
P.S.- Madhepura, Dist.- Madhepura

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Pawan Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Lakshmi Kant Sharma

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

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

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Lodipur P.S. Case No. 196 of 2023 dated 19.10.2023 for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per prosecution case, total 141.285 litres of illicit Indian made foreign liquor was recovered from the Bolero.

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 name of the petitioner has



transpired in this case because he is the owner of the seized vehicle but the same was not being driven by the petitioner at the time of the alleged occurrence. 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, Bhagalpur in connection with Lodipur P.S. Case No. 196 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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