

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.29706 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-1076 Year-2023 Thana- AHIYAPUR District- Muzaffarpur

Keshav Kumar, aged about 20 years, Male, Son of Rajesh Singh, Resident of
Village- Dhanaur, P.S.- Katra, Dist- Muzzafarpur.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State Of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mrs. Smiti Bharti, Advocate
For the Opposite Party : Mr. Surendra Kumar, A.P.P.

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
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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 connection with Ahiyapur P.S. Case No. 1076 of 2023 dated 29.08.2023 for the offences punishable u/ss 420, 467, 468, 471, 120B of the IPC and Sections 30(a)(b), 32(ii)(iii), 36, 41(i)(ii) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 3086.64 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the truck and 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 is not the driver the said seized vehicle. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. The co-accused person has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 13.02.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 4894 of 2024. 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 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 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, Muzaffarpur in connection with Ahiyapur P.S. Case No. 1076 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. This application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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