

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30978 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-1218 Year-2023 Thana- SONEPUR District- Saran

Ajay Ray @ Ajay Rai, aged about 43 years, Male, S/o Chandeshwar Ray R/o
vill - Sabalpur Chaharam, P.S. - Sonapur, Distt. - Saran, Bihar.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Alexander Ashok, Advocate
For the Opposite Party : Mr. Upendra Kumar, A.P.P.

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

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 Sonapur P.S. Case No. 1218 of 2023 dated 25.12.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 2256 litres of illicit beer was recovered from the boat.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner is not the owner of the boat. The petitioner has two criminal antecedents as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is not apprehended at the occurrence



place. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. 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,



Saran at Chapra, in connection with Sonepur P.S. Case No. 1218
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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