

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30449 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-170 Year-2024 Thana- SIKARPUR District- West Champaran

SHESHNATH KHATIK @ SHESHNATH SONKHAR SON OF LATE
BALKUWAR KHATIK RESIDENT OF MOHALLA - POKHRA CHOWK,
WARD NO.16, P.S. - SHIKARPUR, DISTRICT - WEST CHAMPARAN

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sharad Kumar Verma, Adv.

Mr. Hemant Ray, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Arvind Kumar Pandey(App84)

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

2 23-04-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his/her arrest in a case in connection with Shikarpur P.S. Case No. 170 of 2024 dated 16.03.2024 for the offence/s punishable u/ss 30(a), 32 and 41 (1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 8 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered from the bag which was allegedly thrown by the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. No incriminating material has been recovered from the



conscious possession of the petitioner. The said bag was not thrown by the petitioner. The recovery was made from an open place that is accessible to anyone. The name of the petitioner has transpired on mere suspicion. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has one criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Learned counsel has submitted that 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 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 material available on the record, let the



above named petitioner, in the event of his/her 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, West Champaran at Bettiah in connection with Shikarpur P.S. Case No. 170 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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