

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30697 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-245 Year-2024 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Muzaffarpur

Anshu Kumar, aged about 24 years, Male, S/O Garibnath Sah, R/O Village-
Bazidpur Kodaria, P.S- Kudhani (Turki O.P.), Distt.- Muzaffarpur.

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State Of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Mr. Santosh Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party : Mrs. Asha Devi, 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/her arrest in a case in connection with Muzaffarpur Excise P.S. Case No. 245 of 2024 dated 07.02.2024 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 63.75 litres of illicit foreign liquor buried under ground was recovered from the house of co-accused Manibhusan.

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 recovery was



made from the house of the co-accused. The name of the petitioner has surfaced in this case only on the basis of secret information. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Learned counsel has submitted that no case is made out against the petitioner. The co-accused has already been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 04.04.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 22632 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 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. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

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, Muzaffarpur in connection with Muzaffarpur Excise P.S. Case No. 245 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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