

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.31858 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-111 Year-2024 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Begusarai

Ajay Paswan @ Vishal Kumar Son of Late Sagar Paswan R/O Ashok Nagar,
Pokharia, Ward No. 37, P.S.- Begusarai Town, District- Begusarai

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Yogesh Kumar
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Nagendra Prasad

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

2 23-05-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of anticipatory bail in connection with Begusarai Excise P.S. Case No. 111/2024, dated 05.03.2024, for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per prosecution case, total 19.515 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the gumti of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has one criminal antecedent in which he is on bail as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is not the owner of the said gumti. The said gumti is without door



which is accessible to anyone. 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, Begusarai in connection with Begusarai Excise P.S.



Case No. 111/2024, 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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