

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.31636 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-823 Year-2023 Thana- MADHAURAH District- Saran

Santosh Manjhi Son of Late Bharat Manjhi Resident of Village- Goura
Paswan Town, P.S- Marhowrah, Dist- Saran at Chapra

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Ms. Rajani Kumari, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Kanhiya Kishor, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 30-04-2024 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case registered
for the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of one case.

4. Allegation is of recovery of 50 litres of liquor from the
palani beside the house of the petitioner.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession and even the alleged
recovery is from a place which is outside the house and as such is
accessible to villagers at large and petitioner came to be implicated at
the instance of the local person but then it absolutely does not stand
to reason that if the local person was aware of the involvement of the



petitioner in the occurrence then why he did not inform the police prior to the institution of the instant FIR which casts an aspersion on the case of the prosecution.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

7. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner above-named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of six weeks from today, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court below where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Marhowrah P.S. Case No. 823 of 2023, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

8. However, the learned trial court, before accepting the bail bonds of the petitioner, shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than one case in that event the present anticipatory bail order shall not be given effect to.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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