

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.33302 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-373 Year-2023 Thana- RUNISAIDPUR District- Sitamarhi

Krishna Mandal @ Kisan Kumar @ Kishan Kumar Son of Late Rama
Chandra Mandal Resident of Village- Garha @ Gadha, P.S- Runnisaidpur,
Dist.- Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State Of Bihar Patna

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Santosh Kumar, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Bishweshwar Ram, APP

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

2 26-07-2024 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 Runnisaidpur P.S. Case No. 373 of 2023 dated 17.07.2023 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a), 32(i)(ii), 36, 41(i)(ii) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 1921.65 litres of foreign liquor was recovered from a container.

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 petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the said container. The petitioner has



no concern with the alleged recovery. The name of the petitioner has transpired in the confessional statement of the co-accused Hanuman Ram. The petitioner has five criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The similarly situated co-accused has been granted bail vide order dated 06.12.2023 in Cr. Misc. No. 75084 of 2023. 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 record, 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, Sitamarhi in connection with Runisaidpur P.S. Case No. 373 of 2023, 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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