

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.33970 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-2339 Year-2023 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Muzaffarpur

Nikhil Singh SON OF NARMDESHWAR SINGH VILLAGE- Bairiya
housing Board, P.S.- KANTI, DIST- MUZAFFARPUR

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Dr. Bipin Chandra, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Pronoti Singh, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

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 Excise P.S. Case No. 2339 of 2024 dated 11.12.2023 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a) and 32(3) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 8301.96 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from a container and two pick-up vans.

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 vehicle. The said vehicle was not being driven by the petitioner at the time of the alleged occurrence. The petitioner is doing business of load and unload of the import and export materials. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has two criminal antecedents in which he is on bail as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The similarly situated co-accused has been granted bail vide order dated 29.02.2024 in Cr. Misc. No. 12695 of 2024. 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, Muzaffarpur in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 2339 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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