

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.33929 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-60 Year-2024 Thana- RIGA District- Sitamarhi

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Ram Naresh Mahto @ Naresh Mahto @ Ramnaresh Mahto S/o Ram Chandra Mahto @ Ramchandra Mahto R/o vill - Khairwa, P.S. - Riga, Distt. - Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Diwakar .

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Arvind Kumar Pandey

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 09-05-2024 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 offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Excise Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has antecedent of one case and allegation is of recovery of 10.5 litres of liquor from the house of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was recovered from his conscious possession and after the amendment in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away



with. It is next submitted that he came to be implicated based on confessional statement of Tribuwan Kumar in police custody which does not have any evidentiary value. It is next submitted that house is a joint family property as such it cannot be alleged with certainty that it was petitioner who had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house within knowledge of the petitioner.

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

6. 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 trial court 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 trial court where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Riga P.S. Case No. 60 of 2024 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. It is made clear that the learned trial court before accepting the bail bonds of the petitioner shall verify the criminal antecedents of the petitioner and in the event if it is



found that the 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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