

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.34573 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-79 Year-2022 Thana- CHANAN District- Lakhisarai

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Mukesh Manjhi SON OF HARI MANJHI VILLAGE- GOPALPUR
GAJIYAGARHI, PS- CHANAN, DIST- LAKHISARAI

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Mohammad Sufyan, APP

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**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 Chanan P.S. Case No. 79 of 2022 dated 18.05.2022 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a)/(b)/(c) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 50 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered from the bush and 30 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered from the motorcycle of the co-accused person.

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 recovery was made from an open place that was accessible to anyone. The name of the petitioner was disclosed by the local Chowkidar. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has one criminal antecedent in which he is on bail as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The similarly situated co-accused has been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 29.03.2024 in Cr. Misc. No. 20204 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, Lakhisarai in connection with Chanan P.S. Case No. 79 of 2022, 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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