

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.40621 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-17 Year-2024 Thana- PAHARPUR District- East Champaran

Yogendra Sah Son of Late Got Sah Resident of Village- Siswa Kanhi Tola, P.S
- Paharpur, District - East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Jitendra Sinha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pandey, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 02-07-2024 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.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of two cases.

4. Allegation is of recovery of 5 litres of liquor from
the house of Bhuteli Sah and 5 litres of liquor from 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 after amendment
in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed
possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It



is further submitted that petitioner came to be implicated at the instance of the Chawkidar with whom he is on an inimical term. It is next submitted that if the Chawkidar was aware of the involvement of 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. It is also submitted that the house in question is a joint family property as such it cannot be alleged with certainty that it was the petitioner who had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house was within his knowledge.

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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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 Paharpur P.S. Case No. 17 of 2024, 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 two cases in that event the present anticipatory bail order shall not be given effect to.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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