

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.46286 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-909 Year-2023 Thana- MUZAFFARPUR TOWN District-  
Muzaffarpur

Govind Ray @ Govind Rai S/o Gopal Ray @ Gopal Prasad Yadav R/o Village  
Gola Bandh Road Balughat PS Town, Distt. Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Hari Kishore Thakur, Adv.  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Gauri Shankar Gupta, APP

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

2      06-09-2024                      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Town P.S. Case No. 909 of 2023 dated 02.11.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 483 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the motorcycle and the two thelas.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The name of the petitioner has sprung up in the confessional statement of the co-accused, Vicky Kumar. It is



further submitted that the recovery has been made from the motorcycle and the two thelas but the said vehicles does not belong to the petitioner. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. 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 anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 25.01.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 3068 of 2024. 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 reported in 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 the 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 Town P.S. Case No. 909 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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