

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.45845 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-101 Year-2024 Thana- RAHIKA District- Madhubani

Ashu Kumar, S/o Sikendra Kamat R/o vill - Rahika, P.S. - Rahika, Distt. -
Madhubani

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ravi Prakash

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Tapeshwar Sharma

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 18-07-2024 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in anticipation of his
arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under
Sections 272, 273 and 34 of the I.P.C. and Section 30(a) of the
Excise Act.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and the
allegation is of recovery of 30.9 litres of liquor from the house
of the petitioner and 27 litres of liquor from the house of Sujeet
Kumar.

4. The 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, 2018, the concept of deemed possession and presumed offender has been done away with and even the house, which is a joint family property and thus, 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 and he came to be implicated based on confessional statement of Sujeet Kumar in police custody, which does not have any evidentiary value, when admittedly petitioner is a person with clean antecedent.

5. Learned A.P.P. opposes the bail application.

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 Court below within a period of six weeks, is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing bail-bonds in the sum of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-II-cum-Special Judge, Excise Act, Madhubani in connection with Rahika P. S. Case No.101 of 2024, subject to the conditions laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. The application stands allowed.

8. It is made clear that the learned trial Court before



accepting the bail bonds of the petitioner shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in the event, if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of even one case, in that event, the present anticipatory bail application shall not be given effect to.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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