

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.47161 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-290 Year-2024 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Katihar

Forid Ahmed Son of Mostak Ali R/O VILLAE- BALATULI (BELATALI),
P.O.- JATRADANGA, P.S.- MALDAH OLD, DISTT.- MALDA (WEST
BENGAL)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Bimal Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Akbar Ali, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 220-07-2024
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 Act, 2016.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner is a person with clean antecedent.

4. Allegation is of recovery of 1071.960 litres of liquor from a pick-up vehicle.

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 he came to be implicated based on the fact that he is owner of the seized vehicle. It is further submitted that no prudent person would use his own vehicle for committing an occurrence and thus would create evidence



against himself and hence would get implicated. It is next submitted that petitioner was completely unaware that his driver would misuse the vehicle in the manner as alleged.

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.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) 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 Katihar Excise P.S. Case No. 290 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 even one case in that event the present anticipatory bail order shall not be given effect to.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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