

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.51046 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-26 Year-2021 Thana- MASAUDHI District- Patna

Ranjeet Kumar, Male, aged about 32 years, Son of Tipan Yadav, Resident of
Village- Badroi, P.S.- Masaurhi, District- Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Barun Prasad, Advocate

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 21-08-2024 Heard Mr. Barun Prasad, learned counsel appearing
on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Parmanand Kumar, learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks pre-arrest bail in connection
with Masaurhi P.S. Case No. 26 of 2021 registered for the
offence punishable under Section 30 (a)ba(i) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act as amended up-to-date.

3. Allegation is of recovery of 10 litres of country-
made liquor from an open field.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated
in the case due to local village politics. Petitioner has no
concern with the seized liquor nor he is involved in trade of
liquor in any manner. The place of recovery is an open place



which is accessible to anyone. Petitioner has clean antecedent. On these grounds, petitioner seeks to be released on pre-arrest bail.

5. Learned APP for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner and submits that due to sale and consumption of illicit liquor, day after day, hooch tragedy occurs and the State Officials of different department appears to have facilitated smuggling and trade of illicit liquor inside the State of Bihar. As such, involvement of the petitioner cannot be ruled out from illicit trade of liquor.

6. Considering the fact that the recovery of 10 litres of country made liquor from an open field, which is easily accessible to any one, as well as, the petitioner has clean antecedent, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on pre-arrest bail, in the event of his/her arrest or surrender before the learned District Court within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, Excise III, Patna, in connection with Masaurhi P.S. Case No. 26 of 2021, subject to the condition as laid down under Section 438(2) of



the Cr.P.C.

7. The learned District Court is directed to verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner as stated in paragraph no. 3 of the bail application. If any other case is pending against the petitioner as what has been stated in paragraph no. 3, this order will lose its force automatically.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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