

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.60753 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-178 Year-2024 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Begusarai

Sonu Kumar Son of Rajo Sharma @ Raj Kumar Sharma Resident of Vill-
Ayodhyawari, Ward No. 01, P.S.- Muffasil, District- Begusari.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Braj Bhushan Poddar, Adv.
For the Opposite Party/s : Mrs.Pronoti Singh, APP

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

2 20-11-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 178 of 2024 dated 25.04.2024 registered for the offence/s punishable u/ss 30(a), 32(3), 30(c), 33, 36 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 51.875 litres of illicit foreign liquor, 210 litres of spirit and 750 ml. of chemical used for manufacturing the liquor were recovered from the temporary residence of the co-accused, Deepak Kumar.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the



bail petition. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery rather the recovery has been made from the temporary residence of the co-accused person. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. The co-accused person has already been granted regular bail by this court vide order dated 02.07.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 45497 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 nature of allegation against the petitioner, 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, Begusarai in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 178 of 2024, 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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