

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.57482 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-550 Year-2023 Thana- CHANDAUTI District- Gaya

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Guddu Manjhi S/o Suresh Manjhi R/o vill - Bhagalpur, P.S. - Chandauti,
Distt. - Gaya

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Prithivi Raj Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Gulnar Begum, A.P.P.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 13-08-2024 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 (Amendment) Act, 2022.

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

4. Allegation is of recovery of 10 litres of liquor from
the house of the petitioner and 25 litres of liquor from the house
of Anandi Paswan.

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 after amendment
in the Excise Act in the year 2018, the concept of deemed
possession and presumed offender has been done away with. It



is further submitted that the house in question is a joint family property, as such, 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 the knowledge of the petitioner and he came to be implicated at the instance of the Chawkidar. It is further submitted that the police in majority of the cases implicate either at the instance of the Chawkidar, local people, secret information or confessional statement in a mechanical manner without holding proper investigation of the case.

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, let 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 Chandauti P.S. Case No. 550 of 2023, 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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