

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.59464 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-176 Year-2024 Thana- LALGANJ District- Vaishali

Antu Singh Son of Baliram Singh Resident of Village - Namidih, P.S.-
Lalganj, District - Vaishali.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Satya Prakash Sinha, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ram Priya Sharan Singh, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

3 04-10-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in
connection with Lalganj P.S. Case 176/2024 dated 22.06.2024
registered for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 795.75 litres of
illicit Indian made foreign liquor was recovered from the truck.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in
this case. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious
possession of the petitioner. The name of the petitioner has
transpired in this case merely on suspicion. The petitioner is



neither the owner nor the driver of the seized vehicle. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has clean antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The co-accused has been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 13.08.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 58131 of 2024. Learned counsel has submitted that no case is made out against the petitioner. 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 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 material available on record, 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, Vaishali at Hajipur in connection with Lalganj P.S. Case 176/2024, 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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