

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.64862 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-232 Year-2024 Thana- NAUTAN District- West Champaran

Raju Mahto S/O Meghnath Mahto Resident of Village- Pandey Tola Lalgarh,
P.S- Mufassil, Distt.- West Champaran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Ms.Preeti Kumari, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Aditya Narayan Singh.1,APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 01-10-2024 Heard Ms.Preeti Kumari, learned counsel for the

petitioner and Mr.Aditya Narayan Singh.1,learned Additional

Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Nautan P.S.Case No.232 of 2024, FIR dated 19.06.2024 registered for the offences punishable under Section 414 of IPC and 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2022.

3. Recovery is of 177.44 liters of illegal liquor alongwith motorcycle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has clean antecedent. He has falsely been implicated in the present case. The allegation as alleged in the FIR is false and fabricated and from a bare perusal of the FIR it appears that



nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner rather the recovery has been made from the motorcycle in question. Although the petitioner is not named in the FIR but the name of the petitioner has been transpired during investigation on the basis of verification from the D.T.O. Office which reflected in paragraph-40 of the case diary which suggests that one of the motorcycles was registered in the name of the petitioner and the illicit liquor has been recovered from the motorcycle in question. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that except the aforesaid, no other material has come during investigation against the petitioner to suggest the involvement of the petitioner in the present occurrence. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr.P.C. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioners under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail of the petitioner referring the provision contained in Section 76(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and submitted that the pre-arrest bail would not be maintainable.

6. This Court is aware of the decision of the Full



Bench in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav Vs. State of Bihar** reported in **2019 (2) PLJR 1089**. Having regard to the law laid down in the aforesaid judgment and the submission advanced on behalf of the parties, this Court for the limited purpose of grant of anticipatory bail, is inclined to accept the submission of Counsel for the petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts, petitioner has clean antecedent, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the order, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000 (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Exclusive Special Court Excise-I, Bettiah, West Champaran in connection with Nautan P.S. Case No.232 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and with other following conditions:-

(I) Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be properly represented on each and every date fixed by the Court and shall remain physically present as directed by the Court and on his/her absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient



reason, his/her bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

(II) If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

(III) And, further condition that the court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage, it is found that the petitioner has concealed his/her criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Rajesh Kumar Verma, J)

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