

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.65830 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-246 Year-2024 Thana- MAHNAR District- Vaishali

Pankaj Kumar Son of Kusheshwar Rai R/O Village- Narayanpur Dedhpura,
P.S.- Mahnar, Dist.- Vaishali

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Anil Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Lakshmi Kant Sharma, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 10-09-2024 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, 2018.

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

4. Allegation is of recovery of 142.38 litres of liquor from
the house of Manoj Rai.

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 even the alleged
recovery is from a place which does not belong to the petitioner and
is accessible to public at large. It is further submitted that petitioner
came to be implicated at the instance of the Chawkidar but then 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, when petitioner admittedly is a person with clean antecedent.

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 Mahnar P.S. Case No. 246 of 2024, 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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