

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.64791 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-691 Year-2022 Thana- RAJAOLI District- Nawada

Arvind Choudhary @ Arbind Chaudhary S/o Dilo Chaudhary Resident of
Village- Par Rajouli, P.S. Rajouli, District- Nawada

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Man Mohan Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Narsingh Tanti,APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 01-10-2024 Heard Mr.Man Mohan Kumar, learned counsel for
the petitioner and Mr.Narsingh Tanti, learned Additional Public
Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Rajauli P.S.Case No.691 of 2022, FIR dated
14.12.2022 registered for the offences punishable under Section
30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

3. Recovery is of 20 liters of illicit country made
Mahua liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has clean antecedent. He has falsely been implicated
in the present case merely on the basis of suspicion. It appears
from the FIR as well as the seizure list that nothing has been
recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner and the



name of the petitioner has been transpired during investigation on the basis of the secret information but the prosecution has not stated anywhere in the FIR that how he received the secret information with respect to petitioner in the present case and apart from that, the Chaukidar has disclosed that the recovered illicit liquor belonged to the petitioner and the same was recovered near the house of the petitioner. 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 petitioner 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 and name of the petitioner has been disclosed by the local Chaukikar, 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-2, Nawada in connection with Rajauli P.S.Case No.691 of 2022, 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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