

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.65724 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-208 Year-2024 Thana- PALASI District- Araria

Ranjini Devi @ Ranjni Devi Wife of Vijay Kumar Sah @ Vijay Sah R/O
Village- Garhara W.No-8, PS - Palasi Dist- Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Gopal Kumar Jha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Pradeep Narain Kumar, 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 her 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 and is a woman.

4. Allegation is of recovery of 1.5 litres of liquor from
possession of Abhishek Kumar Sah and 12.600 litres of liquor
from the house of Vijay Sah.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot, as such, nothing was
recovered from her 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 her knowledge. It is next submitted that petitioner came to be implicated based on the confessional statement of Abhishek Kumar Sah in police custody with whom she is on an inimical term and does not have any evidentiary value in the eye of law.

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 her 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 Palasi P.S. Case No. 208 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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