

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.66162 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-112 Year-2023 Thana- PATEPUR District- Vaishali

Manoj Kumar Mahto Son of Laxman Mahto R/O- Ward No-1, Mayapur Ps-
Sirampur Dist- Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Parmanand Prasad, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
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ORAL ORDER

3 15-02-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Patepur P.S. Case No. 112 of 2023 dated 15.05.2023 or the offences punishable u/s 420/120(B) of the Indian Penal Code along with Sections 30(a)/ 32 (ii), 41 (i) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act 2016.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 4725.72 litres of illicit Indian made foreign liquor was recovered from the motorcycle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has no criminal case as stated at para 3



of the bail petition. The petitioner is the owner of the said vehicle but the same was not being driven by him at the time of the alleged recovery. The petitioner is not named in the FIR. The name of the petitioner was disclosed by the apprehended persons. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. 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 reported in 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 nature of allegation against the petitioner, let the above named petitioners, 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 Patepur P.S. Case No. 112 of 2023 subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. This application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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