

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.71062 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-472 Year-2019 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.
District- Samastipur

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Mukesh Mahto S/o Pulkit Mahto R/o Village- Purnahi Ward No. 04, P.S.-
Warisnagar, District- Samastipur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rambabu Yadav
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Kanhiya Kishor

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 230-09-2024
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 Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2018.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has antecedent of three cases and allegation is of recovery of 25.920 litres of liquor from the house of petitioner. It is next submitted that petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was recovered from his 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 also submitted that the house in question is a joint family property as such it cannot be alleged with certainty that it was



petitioner, who had kept the liquor in the house or the liquor kept in the house was within his knowledge and he came to be implicated based on secret information which is the easiest way to implicate someone.

4. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

5. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, 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.15000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned trial court where the case is pending/successor court in connection with Excise P.S. Case No.472/2019, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.

6. It is made clear that the learned trial court before accepting the bail bonds of the petitioner shall verify the criminal antecedents of the petitioner and in the event if it is found that petitioner has antecedent of more than three cases, in that event, the present anticipatory bail order shall not be given effect to.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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