

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.72231 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-2339 Year-2023 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Muzaffarpur

Kunal Kumar S/O Jitendra Jha @ Jitendra Kumar Jha R/O Village- Jagdamba
Nagar, P.S- Ahiyapur, Distt.- Muzaffarpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Priyesh Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Nand Kumar

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

7 11-12-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 2339 of 2023, dated 11.12.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 30(a), 32(3) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per prosecution case, total 8301.96 litres of illicit liquor was recovered from the truck & the two pick-up vans.

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 antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition in which he is on bail. The petitioner



is neither the driver nor the owner of the seized vehicles. The name of the petitioner has sprung up on secret informantion. Similarly situated co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 28.03.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 19811/2024. No incriminating material has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out against the petitioner. 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 APP 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 petitioner, 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, Muzaffarpur in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 2339 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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