

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.73595 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-385 Year-2024 Thana- GARKHA District- Saran

Raju Ray @ Raju Kumar Ray Son of Prahalad Ray @ Pahalad Ray Resident
of Village- Sadhpur, P.S.- Garkha, District- Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Patna

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Raushan Raj, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Kumar Ranjit Ranjan, APP

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

2 23-10-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in
connection with Garkha P.S. Case No. 385 of 2024 dated
25.06.2024 registered for the offences punishable u/ss 30(a), 36,
38 and 41 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 783.90 litres of
illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the pick-up van.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in
this case. No incriminating material has been recovered from the
conscious possession of the petitioner. The apprehended co-
accused persons disclosed the name of the petitioner. The



petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the seized vehicle. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Learned counsel has submitted that 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 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 material available on record, 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, Saran at Chapra in connection with Garkha P.S. Case No. 385 of 2024, 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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