

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.73838 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-62 Year-2024 Thana- KARTAHA District- Vaishali

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Santosh kumar @ Santosh Paswan S/o Banai Paswan @ Vinay Paswan R/o
Village- Subhai, PS- Vaishali, Distt. - Vaishali

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Dilip Kumar Roy
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Rajendra Nath Jha

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

2 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 Kartahan P.S. Case No. 62 of 2024 dated 16.05.2024 registered for the offences punishable u/s 414 and 420 of the I.P.C. and Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 1244.19 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the *three different vehicles*.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has four criminal antecedents as stated



in para 3 of the bail petition. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. The petitioner is not the owner of the said vehicles. The other co-accused person has already been granted bail by this court *vide* order dated 09.07.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 48181/2024. 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 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, Vaishali at Hajipur in connection with Kartahan P.S. Case No. 62 of 2024, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, with further condition:-

(i). The petitioner is directed to remain physically present before the learned Court below on each and every date, failing which on two consecutive dates without reasonable cause, the bail bonds of the petitioner is liable to be cancelled.

7. This application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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