

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.74202 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-698 Year-2023 Thana- JAHANABAD District- Jehanabad

Sonu Kumar Son Of Kapildev Yadav @ Kapildev Kumar Resident Of Village
- Sadar Hospital Jehanabad, P.S. And District - Jehanabad

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State Of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Nitya Nand Neeraj, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

3 29-02-2024 Heard Mr. Nitya Nand Neeraj, learned counsel for
the petitioner and Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh, learned Additional
Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Jehanabad P.S. Case No. 698 of 2023, F.I.R. dated 25.07.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 40.875 liters of English wine from the house of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has clean antecedent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. He further submits that from a bare perusal of the F.I.R as well the seizure list, it appears that nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner



rather the recovery has been made from the house of the petitioner and the petitioner is not the absolute owner of the house in question. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr.P.C. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner referring the provision contained in Section 76(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and submitted that the pre-arrest bail would not be maintainable.

6. This court is aware of the decision of the Full Bench in the case of *Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar reported in 2019(2) P.L.J.R. 1089*. Having regard to the law laid down in the aforesaid judgment and the submission advanced on behalf of the parties, this Court, for the limited purpose of grant of anticipatory bail, is inclined to accept the submission of counsel for the petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner and the petitioner has clean antecedent, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below



within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the order, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Excise Court No.2, Jehanabad in connection with Jehanabad P.S. Case No. 698 of 2023, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and with other following conditions:-

1. Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be properly represented on each and every date fixed by the court and shall remain physically present as directed by the court and on his absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

2. If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

3. And further condition that the court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the



acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Rajesh Kumar Verma, J)

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