

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.75110 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-443 Year-2023 Thana- BIDUPUR District- Vaishali

Chandan Kumar Son of Shambhu Ram Village- Maiel, PS- Bidupur, District-
Vaishali

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mrs. Bela Singh, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mrs. Shaheen Begum, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 03-12-2024 Heard Mrs. Bela Singh, learned counsel for the

petitioner and Mrs. Shaheen Begum, learned Additional Public

Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest connection
with Bidupur P.S. Case No. 443 of 2023, F.I.R. dated
27.07.2023 registered for the offences punishable under
Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120B of the Indian Penal Code and
Sections 30(a), 32(ii), (iii), 36, 41(i)(ii) of the Bihar Prohibition
& Excise (Amendment) Act.

3. Recovery is of 6844 liters of *foreign* liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has clean antecedent and he has falsely been
implicated in the present case. He further submits that from
perusal of the F.I.R. it appears that recovery has been made from



the container and pick-up van and the petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged recovery of illicit liquor or the aforesaid vehicles. He further submits that he has been made accused in the present case merely on the basis of suspicion and the allegation against the petitioner that the petitioner is a labourer contractor and he has called the labourer for unload the container. He further submits that co-accused person namely Arun Kumar @ Ramesh Kumar Singh @ Arun Rai has been granted anticipatory bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 05.09.2023 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 58097 of 2023. Therefore, the recovery cannot be attributed to the petitioner. 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 having clean antecedent as well as he has been accused merely on the basis of suspicion, 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 learned Exclusive Special Excise Court No.1, Vaishali at Hajipur in connection with Bidupur PS. Case No. 443 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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