

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.75775 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-149 Year-2023 Thana- INDUSTRIAL District- Bhagalpur

Ritu Raj Hemant Son of Gaukaran Mandal Resident of Ward No.6, Bari
Mohanpur, P.S. - Ekchari, District – Bhagalpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Purushottam Kumar Das, Advocate.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Md. Aslam Ansari, A.P.P.

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

3 15-01-2024 Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to

remove the defect(s), as pointed out by the office, if any,

within a period of three weeks from today.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and

learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

3. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in

connection with Industrial P.S Case No. 149 of 2023 dated

08.09.2023 for the offences punishable u/ss 30(a), 32(ii) of

the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 230.25 litres

of illicit liquor was recovered from the Hundai car.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted



that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. It is further submitted that the petitioner is the owner of the said vehicle but the said vehicle was not being driven by the petitioner at the time of alleged occurrence. Learned counsel has further submitted that the co-accused Raju Kumar disclosed the name of the petitioner. The petitioner has one criminal antecedent as stated at 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. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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, Bhagalpur in connection with Industrial P.S Case No. 149 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

Nilmani/-

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