

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.78721 of 2023**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-457 Year-2023 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Patna

Jiramani Devi Wife Of Lal Vavu Manjhi @ Lal Babu Manjhi Resident Of  
Village - Pitvans Gowary Chak, P.S. - Masaudhi, District - Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Jay Ram Prasad, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mrs. Sharda Kumari, APP

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

2      03-01-2024                      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Excise Masaurhi P.S. Case No. 457 of 2023 dated 06.09.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 128 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered from a Tempo.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner is a lady and she has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is not named in the F.I.R. The name of the petitioner has surfaced in this case during



the course of investigation. 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 recovery. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence 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 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, Patna in connection with Excise Masaurhi P.S. Case No. 457 of 2023, 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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