

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.81477 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-427 Year-2023 Thana- DEEPNAGAR District- Nalanda

1. Banti Kumar S/O Surendra Prasad @ Surendra Kewat R/O Village- Badri Bigha, P.S- Deep Nagar, Distt.- Nalanda.
2. Chintu Kewat @ Chintu Kumar S/O Manohar Kewat R/O Village- Badri Bigha, P.S- Deep Nagar, Distt.- Nalanda.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State Of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Anil Kumar Singh, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Akshay Lal Pandit, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 12-01-2024 Learned counsel for the petitioners 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 petitioners and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

3. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in a case in connection with Deep Nagar P.S. Case No. 427 of 2023 dated 19.09.2023 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 35 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered near the bank of *Langri* river.



5. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners have falsely been implicated in this case. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioners. The recovery was made from an open place that is accessible to anyone. The petitioners have no criminal antecedents as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Learned counsel has submitted that no case is made out against the petitioners. Learned Counsel has relied on the judgment of Full Bench of the Hon'ble Patna High Court in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar 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 petitioners 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 material available on record, let the



above named petitioners, in the event of their 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) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned, Nalanda at Bihar Sharif in connection with Deep Nagar P.S. Case No. 427 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

8. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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