

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.83414 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-405 Year-2023 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Madhepura

Suraj Kumar Son Of Bachneshwar Gupta R/O Village- Hasanpur Batahi, P.S.-
Madhepura, Dist.- Madhepura

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar PATNA

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Dinesh Prasad Verma, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Raj Ballabh Singh, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

2 19-01-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Madhepura Excise P.S. Case No. 405 of 2023 dated 17.05.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 93 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from a car.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has one criminal antecedents as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The name of the petitioner was disclosed by the co-accused, Raju Kumar. The petitioner is neither the owner nor



the driver of the said vehicle and the same was not being driven by the petitioner at the time of the alleged recovery. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out against the petitioner. The co-accused persons have already been granted bail by this court vide order dated 08.11.2023 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 65497 of 2023. 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, Madhepura in connection with Madhepura Excise P.S. Case No. 405 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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