

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.82930 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-468 Year-2023 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Aurangabad

Gohel Ravji Bhai Pratap Bhai @ Gohil Ravji Bhai @ Ravji Bhai Son Of
Gohel Pratap Bhai Resident Of Village - Simvistar Bhadrassa, P.S. - Bhadrassa
Thasra, District - Kheda (GUJRAT)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Aman Vishal

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Pronoti Singh

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

2 16-01-2024 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 Excise P.S. Case No. 468 of 2023 dated

02.06.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar

Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 4798.8 litres of

illicit liquor has been recovered from a truck.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted

that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. The



petitioner has no 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. The petitioner is 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 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, Aurangabad in connection with Excise P.S. Case No. 468 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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