

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.83767 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-269 Year-2023 Thana- BAJPATTI District- Sitamarhi

1. Girish Sah @ Girish Rai, aged about 42 years (male), Son Of Sethji Rai Resident of Village - Muraul (Raghunathpur), P.S. - Bajpatti, District - Sitamarhi
2. Kripal Sah @ Ram Kripal Sah, aged about 40 years (male), Son Of Bhikhari Sah Resident of Village - Raghunathpur, P.S. - Bajpatti, District - Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ashok Jha, Advocate.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Arun Kumar Singh, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 22-01-2024 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 connection with Bajpatti P.S Case No. 269 of 2023 dated 06.09.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 15 litres of illicit liquor was recovered from the bush.



5. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners have falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioners have one criminal antecedent as stated at para 3 of the bail petition. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioners, hence no case is made out. The recovery was made from an open place which is accessible to anyone. 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 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 nature of allegation against the petitioners, 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) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned, Sitamarhi in connection with Bajpatti P.S Case No. 269 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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