

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.85772 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-311 Year-2023 Thana- SARAI RANJAN District- Samastipur

Varun Ray @ Bhagat Son Of Ramsagar Rai R/O Vill.- Barbatta, P.S.-
Musrigharari, Dist.- Samastipur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Anish Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Uma Shankar Prasad Singh

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

2 10-01-2024 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 Sarai Ranjan P.S. Case No. 311 of 2023 dated
07.11.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) and 41(1)(2) of
the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 454.445 litres of
illicit liquor has been recovered from the Alto Car and the Pick
van.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted



that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner is accused in two other criminal cases as stated at para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is neither owner nor driver of the said vehicle. The name of the petitioner has been disclosed by local chowkidar. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. 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, Samastipur in connection with Sarai Ranjan P.S. Case No. 311 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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