

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.84214 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-21 Year-2022 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Samastipur

Ashok Mahto, male, aged about 30 years, S/O Ganga Mahto R/O Village-
Madhutola, Ward No. 10, P.S- Khanpur, Distt.- Samastipur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Bijay Bhushan Prasad, Advocate.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sucheta Yadav, A.P.P.

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

2 22-01-2024 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. 21 of 2022 dated

23.01.2022 for the offences punishable u/ss 30(a) of the

Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

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

illicit liquor was recovered from the cattle-shed situated

behind the house of the petitioner.



5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. It is further submitted that the recovery was made from the cattle-shed which is an open place and accessible to anyone. 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. 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 Excise P.S Case No. 21 of 2022, 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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