

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2178 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-437 Year-2023 Thana- VAISHALI District- Vaishali

ANIKET KUMAR @ SONU RAY SON OF CHANDESHWAR RAY
RESIDENT OF VILLAGE - MALKUNI (MANKULI), P.S. - PHAKULI
(OP) KUDHANI, DISTRICT - MUZAFFARPUR

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Hemant Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Braj Kishore Pd.(App)

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

2 02-02-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Vaishali P.S. Case No. 437 of 2023, dated 05.10.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120(B) of the Indian Penal Code and under sections 30(a), 32(ii)(iii), 36, 41(i) (ii) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act, 2018.

3. As per prosecution case, total 1192.32 litres of English wine was recovered from a truck.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has two criminal antecedents as stated



in para 3 of the bail petition. No incriminating material has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out against the petitioner. The name of the petitioner has transpired on the basis of confessional statement of apprehended co-accused Rakesh Kumar (driver). 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 APP 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, Vaishali at Hajipur in connection with Vaishali P.S. Case No. 437 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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