

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.1931 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-269 Year-2022 Thana- LAUKAHI District- Madhubani

Ramavtar Yadav @ Ram Awatar Yadav S/O Matuk Lal Yadav, R/O Village-Tulsiyahi, P.S- Laukahi, Distt.- Madhubani.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Arvind Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Akbar Ali, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 31-01-2024 Heard Mr. Arvind Kumar, the learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Akbar Ali, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Laukahi PS Case No. 269 of 2022, FIR dated 07.11.2022, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 272 and 273 of the Indian Penal Code and under Sections 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 15 litres of Nepali liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has clean antecedent and he has falsely been implicated in the present case mainly on the ground that recovery has been made from behind the house of the petitioner and he has been made accused in the present case mainly on the basis of suspicion. He further submits that petitioner has no concern at all with the allegedly recovered liquor. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure

prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr.P.C. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner referring the provision contained in Section 76(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and submitted that the pre-arrest bail would not be maintainable.

6. This Court is aware of the decision of the full Bench in the case of **Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar** reported in 2019(2) P.L.J.R. 1089. Having regard to the law laid down in the aforesaid judgment and the submission advanced on behalf of the parties, this Court, for the limited purpose of grant of anticipatory bail, is inclined to accept the submission of counsel for the petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and the fact that nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner and the petitioner has clean antecedent, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the Court below within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the order, be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Exclusive Special Court, Jhanjharpur at Madhubani, where the case is pending in connection with **Laukahi PS Case No. 269 of 2022**, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. and also the following

conditions:-

(i). Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be properly represented on each and every date fixed by the court and shall remain physically present as directed by the Court and on his absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

(ii). If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

(iii). And further condition that the Court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the Court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Rajesh Kumar Verma, J)

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