

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.86094 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-808 Year-2023 Thana- SONEPUR District- Saran

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1. Akhilesh Rai Son of Satya Narayan Ray R/o vill - Sabalpur Chaharam, P.S. - Sonepur, Distt. - Saran at Chapra
 2. Rakesh Kumar Son of Satya Narayan Ray R/o vill - Sabalpur Chaharam, P.S. - Sonepur, Distt. - Saran at Chapra

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mrs.Rajani Kumari, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Binod Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 29-01-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in a case in connection with Sonepur P.S. Case No. 808 of 2023 dated 28.08.2023 registered for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 266 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered from the *bathan* of the petitioners.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners have falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioners have no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the



bail petition. The name of the petitioners was disclosed by local Chowkidar. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioners and the said bathan is an open place which is accessible to anyone, 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 petitioners 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 petitioners, let the above named petitioners, in the event of their arrest/surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees



Twenty thousand) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned court concerned, Saran at Chapra in connection with Sonepur P.S. Case No. 808 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. This application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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