

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.3368 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-326 Year-2014 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.
District- Nawada

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SUDHIR CHAUDHARY SON OF GANAURI CHAUDHARY RESIDENT
OF CHAKPAR (TUNGI), P.S. - HISUA, DISTRICT - NAWADA

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Dhirendra Prasad Sinha, Adv.
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Anant Kumar 1, APP

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

2 12-02-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with G.O. Case No. 326 of 2014 dated 08.01.2014 for the offences punishable u/s 47(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 40 litres of illicit country made liquor was recovered from a plastic gallon and 400 Kg. fermented *jawa mahua* was recovered from the north side of the eastern pine, village Tungi. The said *jawa mahua* was also destroyed on the spot.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in



this case. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The name of the petitioner has transpired in this case only on secret information. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out against the petitioner. 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 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.

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, Nawada in connection with G.O. Case No. 326 of 2014, 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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