

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.1906 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-15 Year-2022 Thana- SURSAND District- Sitamarhi

Ranjit Kumar S/O Feku Paswan Resident Of Village Banauli Ps Sursand,
Dist. Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

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

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Anita Kumari, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 31-01-2024 Heard Mr. Sanjay Kumar, learned counsel for the

petitioner and Ms. Anita Kumari, learned Additional Public

Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Sursand P.S. Case No. 15 of 2022, F.I.R dated 07.01.2022 registered for the offences punishable under Section 414 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 180 liters of illicit liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and he has falsely been implicated in the present case merely on the basis of the disclosure made by the accused persons namely, Sunesh Kumar, Santosh Kumar and Amarjit Das. He further submits that except the disclosure made



by the co-accused, no other material has come during investigation to suggest the involvement of the petitioner in the present occurrence. He further submits that the petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged recovery of the illicit liquor or the accused persons. 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. He further submits that the petitioner carries two criminal antecedents other than the present one but fairly submits on the basis of paragraph 3 of the bail petition that the petitioner is on bail in both the cases.

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, 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 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 Special Judge Exclusive Excise Court- II, Sitamarhi in connection with Sursand P.S. Case No. 15 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and with other following conditions:-

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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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