

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2337 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-251 Year-2023 Thana- MAHARAJGANJ District- Siwan

Pappu Kumar Mahto SON OF SRI VIJAY MAHTO RESIDENT OF
VILLAGE- PURANI BAZAR NONIYADIH, P.S.- MAHARAJGANJ,
DISTRICT- SIWAN

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Gajendra Singh

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Sangeeta Sharma

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

2 02-02-2024 Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to
remove the defect(s), as pointed out by the office, if any, within
a period of three weeks from today.

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

3. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Maharajganj P.S. Case No. 251 of 2023, dated
11.09.2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 272, 273
of the Indian Penal Code and under section 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act, 2018.

4. As per prosecution case, total 2022.480 litres of
foreign liquor has been recovered from a truck.

5. 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. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out against the petitioner. The petitioner is the owner of the said truck but the same was not driven by the petitioner at the time of incidence. 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 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.

7. 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, Siwan in connection with Maharajganj P.S. Case No. 251 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

8. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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