

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.1218 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-381 Year-2023 Thana- NARDIGANJ District- Nawada

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Santosh Kumar @ Santosh Kumar Chaudhary SON OF LATE RATAN
CHAUDHARY @ RANJAN CHAUDHARY RESIDENT OF VILLAGE -
PASE, PS - NARDIGANJ, DISTT. - NAWADA

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Rajesh Kumar Sinha, Adv.

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

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

2 31-01-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in
connection with Nardiganj P.S. Case No. 381 of 2023 dated
16.11.2023 for the offence/s punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar
Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 235 litres of
country made liquor kept in a plastic bag was recovered beneath
the railway bridge of the Panchane River.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in
this case. No incriminating material has been recovered from the
conscious possession of the petitioner. The recovery was made



from an open place that is accessible to anyone. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. Local Chowkidar disclosed the name of the petitioner. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Learned counsel has submitted that 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 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 material available on record, 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 Nardiganj P.S. Case No. 381 of 2023,
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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