

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.86599 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-352 Year-2023 Thana- KALYANPUR District- East Champaran

1. Anil Kumar Prajapati @ Anil Kumar Son of Jogendar Pandit R/o vill - Patti Jasoli, P.S. - Kotwa, Distt. - East Champaran
2. Sandeep Kumar Das Son of Bhuali Das R/o vill - Patti Jasoli, P.S. - Kotwa, Distt. - East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Suraj Kumar Tiwari, Advocate. Mr. Shambhu Narayan Singh, Advocate.
For the Opposite Party/s	:	Mr. Umanath Mishra, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 30-01-2024 Learned counsel for the petitioners 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 petitioners and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

3. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Kalyanpur P.S Case No. 352 of 2023 dated 09.10.2023 for the offences punishable u/ss 30(a) and 41(1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

4. As per the prosecution case, total 23.250 litres of illicit liquor was recovered from the plastic sack



allegedly thrown by the petitioners.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have falsely been implicated in this case. It is further submitted that the local *chaukidar* disclosed the name of the petitioners. The petitioners have one criminal antecedent as stated at para 3 of the bail petition. No incriminating article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioners, 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.



7. 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 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, East Champaran at Motihari in connection with Kalyanpur P.S Case No. 352 of 2023, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

Nilmani/-

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