

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2472 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-1059 Year-2023 Thana- BHABHUA District- Kaimur (Bhabua)

Pramod Kumar S/o Munshi Bind @ Munshi Prasad R/o Village- Balipur, P.S.-
Kudra, District- Kaimur at Bhabua

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Tribhuwan Narayan

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Umeshanand Pandit

**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 Bhabua (Sonhan) P.S. Case No. 1059 of 2023, dated 22.11.2023 for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Amendment Act, 2018.

4. As per prosecution case, total 26 litres of Mahua liquor has been recovered from the motorcycle of the co-accused.



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 name of the petitioner transpired on the basis of confessional statement of co-accused namely Mohit Kumar. 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, Kaimur at Bhabua in connection with Bhabua (Sonhan) P.S. Case No. 1059 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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