

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.5446 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-424 Year-2023 Thana- KISHANGANJ District- Kishanganj

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SAMEER KUMAR SAHA @ LALU SON OF LATE RAM CHANDRA
SAHA Resident of Village - Rollbag Kishanganj Bazar, Ward No.30, P.S.-
Kishanganj, District- Kishanganj

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Raj Kumar, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Veena Kumari Jaiswal, APP

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

2 16-02-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Special Case No. 494 of 2023 arising out of Kishanganj P.S. Case No. 424 of 2023 dated 30.10.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 2.880 litres of illicit liquor was recovered the deserted house of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has one criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The name of the petitioner was



transpired in this case only on secret information. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. As per the F.I.R., the recovery has been made under the Kadam tree but as per the seizure list, the recovery has been made from the house of the petitioner which creates doubt upon the prosecution case. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence 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 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.

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 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, Kishanganj in connection with Special Case No. 494 of 2023 arising out of Kishanganj P.S. Case No. 424 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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