

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.2448 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-481 Year-2024 Thana- NAUTAN District- West Champaran

Ranjan Yadav @ Ranjan Kumar Yadav Son of Vikarama Yadav Resident of
Village - Khaira Tola, P.S. - Nautan, District - West Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Bimlesh Kumar Pandey, Advocate

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 15-02-2025 Heard Mr. Bimlesh Kumar Pandey, learned counsel

appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr. Ajit Kumar,

learned APP appearing on behalf of the State.

2. The petitioner apprehends his arrest in connection
with Nautan P.S. Case No. 481 of 2024 registered under Section
30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the allegation made in the FIR, altogether
146.88 liters of illegal foreign liquor was recovered alongwith
vehicle bearing Registration No.BR30C2111 Chassis
No.MA3EKE41S00390036 and Engine No.BI3BBN4681919.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioner submitted that petitioner is innocent and he has
falsely been implicated in the present case. He further submitted
that nothing was recovered from the possession of the petitioner.



He has no concern either with the seized liquor or trade of liquor in any manner. The petitioner is alleged to be the driver of the said vehicle but not the owner of the same. The name of the petitioner has come in the case, merely on the basis of suspicion and due to enmity, *Chowkidar* of the village has disclosed the name of the petitioner. Petitioner has clean antecedent. On these grounds, petitioner seeks to be released on bail.

5. Learned APP for the State vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of pre-arrest bail.

6. Considering the submissions made on behalf of the parties, as well as, the fact that the petitioner is the driver of the said vehicle but not the owner of the same and he is having clean antecedent, I am of the opinion that petitioner has, *prima facie*, made out a case to be released on pre-arrest bail.

7. The learned District Court is directed to release the petitioner on anticipatory bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the learned District Court within a period of four weeks from today, on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Exclusive Special Judge, Excise-I, Bettiah, West Champaran in connection with Nautan P.S. Case No. 481 of 2024, subject to the condition as laid down under



Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

8. The learned District Court is directed to verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner, as stated in paragraph no. 3 of the bail application. If any other case is pending against the petitioner, as what has been stated in paragraph no. 3, this order will lose its force automatically.

(Purnendu Singh, J.)

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