

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.5742 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-226 Year-2022 Thana- GAURICHAK District- Patna

Sulendra Kumar @ Surendra Manjhi S/O Bifan Manjhi Resident Of Village-
Birju Bigha Dagarpur, Police Station- Gaurichak, Dist-Patna.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Jay Ram Prasad, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Shyam Bihari Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 19-02-2025 Heard Mr. Jay Ram Prasad, learned counsel for the

petitioner and Mr. Shyam Bihari Singh, learned Additional

Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest connection
with Gaurichak P.S. Case No. 226 of 2022, F.I.R. dated
16.04.2022 registered for the offences punishable under Section
30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition & Excise Act, 2018.

3. Recovery is of 12 liters of country made liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has clean antecedent and he has falsely been
implicated in the present case. He further submits that it appears
from the F.I.R. as well as seizure list that nothing has been
recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner rather
recovery has been made from the Birju Bigaha Dagarpur and the



petitioner has no concern at all with the alleged recovery of illicit liquor and the name of the petitioner has been transpired on the basis of information furnished by the local villagers. Therefore, the recovery cannot be attributed to the petitioner. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr. P.C./ Section 103 of BNSS, 2023 No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner referring the provision contained in Section 76(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act and submitted that the pre-arrest bail would not be maintainable.

6. This court is aware of the decision of the Full Bench in the case of Ram Vinay Yadav vs. State of Bihar reported in 2019(2) P.L.J.R. 1089. Having regard to the law laid down in the aforesaid judgment and the submission advanced on behalf of the parties, this Court, for the limited purpose of grant of anticipatory bail, is inclined to accept the submission of counsel for the petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and the fact that the petitioner having clean antecedent and nothing has been



recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner and the name of the petitioner has been transpired on the basis of disclosure made by local villagers, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the order. be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge Excise, Patna City, Patna in connection with Gaurichak PS. Case No. 226 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure/Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 and with other following conditions:-

1. Petitioner shall co-operate in the trial and shall be properly represented on each and every date fixed by the court and shall remain physically present as directed by the court and on his absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

2. If the petitioner tampers with the evidence or the witnesses, in that case, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.

3. And further condition that the court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at



any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

(Rajesh Kumar Verma, J)

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