

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.5542 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-744 Year-2024 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Kaimur (Bhabua)

Pradeep Patel S/O Late Sobhnath @ Shobhnath Resident of Village- Belgai,
P.S.- Sandi, District- Sonbhadra (Uttar Pradesh).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Kumar Sunil

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Manoj Kumar

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
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ORAL ORDER

2 25-04-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his/her arrest in a case in connection with Excise (Bhabhua) P.S. Case No. 744 of 2024 dated 25.09.2024 registered for the offences punishable u/ss 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 209.700 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the dickey of the Car.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. The petitioner is not named in the FIR. The petitioner is not the driver rather he is the owner of the



said vehicle. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. Learned counsel has submitted that 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 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 material available on record, 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 (Bhabhua) in connection with Excise (Bhabhua) P.S. Case No. 744 of 2024, subject to conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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