

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.7275 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-250 Year-2024 Thana- BELA District- Sitamarhi

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1. Chandan Rai Son of Late Ram Babu Ray Village -Sirsiya PS- Bela Dist -Sitamarhi
 2. Bipin Chaurasiya Son of Shivdo Chaurasiya Village -Sirsiya PS- Bela Dist -Sitamarhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Hans Lal Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Pronoti Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 14-02-2025 Heard Mr. Hans Lal Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioners and Ms. Pronoti Singh, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioners are apprehending their arrest in connection with Bela P.S. Case No. 250 of 2024, F.I.R dated 20.11.2024 registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 540 liters of Nepali liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are innocent and they have 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 petitioners rather the recovery has been made from the Scorpio vehicle and



Motorcycle. He further submits that the petitioners have no concern at all with the alleged recovery of the illicit liquor or the motorcycle and Scropio car in question. He further submits that the name of the petitioners have been transpired on the basis of the disclosure made by the local chowkidar. He further submits that the similarly situated co-accused person, namely, Santosh Sah has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 08.01.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 88285 of 2024 and another co-accused, namely, Rajesh Kumar @ Rajeev Sah has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 17.01.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 1793 of 2025. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr.P.C / Section 103 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioners under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioners 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. He further submits that the petitioners are named in the F.I.R and apart from that



the petitioner no. 1 carries five criminal antecedents other and petitioner no. 2 carries one criminal antecedent other than the present one but fairly submits on the basis of paragraph 3 of the bail petition that the petitioners are on bail in the pending matters.

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 petitioners.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, let the petitioners, above named, in the event of their 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) each with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Exclusive Special Excise, Court No. I, Sitamarhi in connection with Bela P.S. Case No. 250 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure / Section 482(2) of the Bhartiya Nagarik



Suraksha Sanhita and with other following conditions:-

i. Petitioners 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 their absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, their bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.

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

iii. And further condition that the court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioners and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioners have concealed their criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioners. 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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