

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.11853 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-88 Year-2024 Thana- BELA INDUSTRIAL District-
Muzaffarpur

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Sonu Chourashiya S/O Shiv Kumar Bhagat Resident of Village- Sarماسitpur,
PS- Sakra, District- Muzaffarpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Anish Kumar, Adv.
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Lalan Kumar, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 21-02-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in
connection with Bela P.S. Case No. 88 of 2024 dated
28.12.2024 registered for the offences punishable u/s 112 of
B.N.S. and Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise
Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 8431.2 litres of
illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the Truck.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted
that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in
this case. No incriminating material has been recovered from the
conscious possession of the petitioner. The petitioner is neither



the owner nor the driver of the said vehicle. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has two criminal antecedents as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The co-accused has been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 06.02.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 2787 of 2025. 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, Muzaffarpur in connection with Bela P.S. Case No. 88 of 2024, subject to conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of the BNSS.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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