

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.14707 of 2025**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-213 Year-2024 Thana- KOILWAR District- Bhojpur

Pawan Kumar S/O Ramkant Ray R/O Village- Lavkushpur, Maharajganj, P.S-
Chapra Muffasil, Distt.- Saran.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Alok Kumar Alok, Adv.
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Nitya Nand Tiwary, APP

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

2 09-05-2025 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 Koilwar P.S. Case No. 213 of 2024 dated
03.05.2024 registered for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of
the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 894.600 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 seized 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. The co-accused person has already been granted regular bail by this Court vide order dated 10.07.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 49144 of 2024. 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, Bhojpur at Ara in connection with Koilwar P.S. Case No. 213 of 2024, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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