

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23929 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-315 Year-2024 Thana- RANIGANJ District- Araria

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Suraj Kumar @ Suraj Kumar Yadav S/O Pramod Yadav @ Pramod Singh
Resident of village- Barahara, Police Station- Raniganj, District- Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Mukesh Kumar Rana, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms.Shaheen Begum, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 04-07-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Raniganj P.S. Case No. 315 of 2024 dated 11.07.2024 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 160.02 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the Honda City Car.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has four criminal antecedents as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the seized vehicle and the seized vehicle was not being driven



by the petitioner at the time of the alleged recovery as stated in para 10 of the bail petition. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. 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 reported in 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 nature of allegation against the petitioner, 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, Araria in connection with Raniganj P.S. Case No. 315 of 2024, subject to conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S. with further condition :-

(i) The petitioner is directed to remain physically present before the learned Court below on each and every date, failing which on two consecutive dates without reasonable cause, the bail bond of the petitioner is liable to be cancelled.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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