

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.28989 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-955 Year-2024 Thana- GOPALGANJ TOWN District-
Gopalganj

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Santosh Sah @ Santosh Kumar S/o Late Asharfi Sah Resident of Village -
Bus stand, Arya Nagar, Ward No 21, P.S.- Gopalganj, District -Gopalganj,
Bihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ranjan Kumar Srivastava, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Shailendra Kumar, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 12-05-2025 Heard Mr. Ranjan Kumar Srivastava, learned

counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Shailendra Kumar, learned

Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Gopalganj P.S. Case No. 955 of 2024, F.I.R
dated 29.12.2024 registered for the offences punishable under
Section 30(a)and 41(1) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 108.315 liters of foreign liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the
present case. He further submits that the allegation as alleged in
the F.I.R is false and fabricated. He further submits that it
appears from the F.I.R that nothing has been recovered from the



conscious possession of the petitioner rather the recovery has been made from the alto LXI bearing Registration No. BR04J9247. The name of the petitioner transpired on the basis of secret information and he is neither the owner nor the driver of the vehicle in question 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 petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner 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 petitioner carries two criminal antecedents other than the present one but fairly submits on the basis of paragraph-3 of the bail application that the petitioner is 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 petitioner.

7. Considering the aforesaid facts, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner and he is made accused on the basis of secret information, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his 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) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional District & Sessions Judge-XII-cum-Special Excise Court-I, Gopalganj in connection with Gopalganj P.S. Case No. 955 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. Petitioner 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 his absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his bail bond shall be cancelled by the Court below.



ii. If the petitioner 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 petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. 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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