

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30231 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-171 Year-2024 Thana- PATAHI District- East Champaran

Umesh Mahto S/o Rameshar Mahto R/o Village- Mankarwa, P.S.- Phenhara,
District- East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Abhishek Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Nityanand

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

2 11-07-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his/her arrest in a case in connection with Patahi P.S. Case No. 171 of 2024 dated 19.07.2024 for the offence/s punishable u/ss 274, 275, 317(2) of the BNS and sections 30(a), 38 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 477 litres of illicit Nepali country made liquor was recovered from the Scorpio.

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 apprehended co-accused person disclosed the name of the petitioner. The petitioner has no concern with the alleged recovery. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. 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 the record, let the above named petitioner, in the event of his/her 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, Motihari,
East Champaran in connection with Patahi P.S. Case No. 171
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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