

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.31784 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-188 Year-2024 Thana- MUSRIGHRARI District- Samastipur

Manjay Lal Yadav @ Manjay Ray S/O Muni Lal Yadav R/O Village-
Shitalpatty, P.S- Sarai Ranjan, Distt.- Samastipur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Saba Azmi, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Damodar Prasad Tiwary, APP

**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 arrest in connection with Musrigharari P.S. Case No. 188/2024 dated 20.12.2024 registered for the offences punishable u/ss 30(a), 34 and 41(1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 286.92 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the Car.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has sixteen criminal antecedents in which he is on bail as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the seized vehicle and he has no



concern with the alleged recovery. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. The co-accused person has already been granted regular bail by this court vide order dated 24.03.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 13242/2025. 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, Samastipur in connection with Musrigharari P.S. Case No. 188/2024, subject to conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S. with further conditions :-

(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.

(ii) If the petitioner is found involved in similar nature of offence in future, the prosecution will be at liberty to move for cancellation of his bail bonds.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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