

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.32371 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-13 Year-2025 Thana- Gadhiya Bazar District- East Champaran

Munna Kumar son of Banshraj Bhagat Resident of village -Sirauli PS
-Garahiya Bazar District -East champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Ms. Usha Kumari, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Uday Chand Prasad, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 16-05-2025 Heard Ms. Usha Kumari, learned counsel for the

petitioner and Mr. Uday Chand Prasad, learned Additional

Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Garahiya Bazar P.S. Case No. 13 of 2025, F.I.R
dated 18.01.2025 registered for the offences punishable under
Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 525.885 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 land of Maripur Math and name of the petitioner transpired on the basis of secret information and except that no other cogent material is there which suggest the involvement of petitioner in the present occurrence. He further submits that co-accused person, namely, Bikash Kushwaha @ Vikash Kushwaha has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 01.05.2025 in Cr. Misc No. 26372 of 2025 and other co-accused person, namely, Aditya Kumar has been granted anticipatory bail by co-ordinate bench of this Court vide order dated 16.04.2025 in Cr. Misc No. 18941 of 2025. 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 one criminal antecedent 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 said matter.

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 similarly situated co-accused persons have been granted anticipatory bail, 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 Special Excise Court-3, Motihari, East Champaran in connection with Garahiya Bazar P.S. Case No. 13 of 2025, 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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