

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.45164 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-168 Year-2025 Thana- GARKHA District- Saran

Sonu Rai @ Sonu Kumar S/o Shivshankar Ray @Shankar Ray@ Siya
Shankar Ray R/o Village-Kasina, P.S- Garkha, District-Saran (Chapra)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Dheeraj Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Nand Kumar

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

4 26-09-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Garkha P.S. Case No. 168/2025 dated 09.03.2025 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 105 litres of illicit country-made liquor was recovered from the chawar.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The recovery is made from an open place which is accessible to anyone. The other co-accused



person has been granted regular bail by this court vide order dated 24.06.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 39121/2025. No incriminating article 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,
Saran at Chapra in connection with Garkha P.S. Case No.
168/2025, subject to conditions as laid down under section
482(2) of the B.N.S.S

7. This application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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