

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.43834 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-49 Year-2025 Thana- LAKHAURA District- East Champaran

Nanhak Manjhi Son of Ram Nath Mukhiya @ Ram Nath Manjhi Resident of
village - Barwa Mushar Tola, P.S.- Lakhaura, District - East Champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Manoj Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Md. Matloob Rab

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

2 01-08-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Lakhaura P.S. Case No. 49/2025 dated 20.02.2025 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a), 32 and 41(1) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

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

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 apprehended person disclosed the name of the petitioner. The other co-accused person has already



been granted regular bail by this court *vide* order dated 14.05.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 31060/2025. 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,
East Champaran in connection with Lakhaura P.S. Case No.
49/2025, 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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