

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.53463 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-88 Year-2025 Thana- TAJPUR District- Samastipur

Ravikant Kumar S/O Pannalal Sah @ Devendra Prasad Sah R/O Village-
Motipur, Police station- Tajpur, District - Samastipur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Mahendra Pratap, Adv.

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

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

2 12-09-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Tajpur P.S. Case No. 88/2025 dated 09.06.2025 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 673.500 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the Scorpio vehicle and 395.89 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the Bolero vehicle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The name of the petitioner has sprung up in the



confessional statement of the co-accused, Vishnath Kumar. The petitioner has three criminal antecedents as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. As per para. 9 of the bail petition, the petitioner is neither the owner nor the driver of the said vehicle. The other co-accused person has already been granted anticipatory bail by this court *vide* order dated 08.08.2025 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 52199/2025. 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, Samastipur in connection with Tajpur P.S. Case No. 88/2025, subject to conditions as laid down under section 482(2) of the B.N.S.S, with further condition:-

(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 bonds of the petitioner is liable to be cancelled.

7. This application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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