

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.71627 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-142 Year-2021 Thana- SUPPI District- Sitamarhi

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Dinesh Mahto Son of Musaphir Mahto Resident of Village- Mohanpur,
Rewasi Ward No. 6, P.S- Piparahi, District- Sheohar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ranjeet Kumar Mishra, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Bhanu Pratap Singh, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

4 17-01-2025 Heard Mr.Ranjeet Kumar Mishra, learned counsel for

the petitioner and Mr.Bhanu Pratap Singh, learned A.P.P. for the

State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in
connection with Suppi P.S.Case No.142 of 2021,FIR dated
30.07.2021 registered for the offences punishable under Section
30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 459 liters of illicit liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has clean antecedent and he has falsely been
implicated in the present case. The allegation as alleged in the
FIR is false and fabricated and the petitioner has not committed
any offence as alleged in the FIR and it appears that the name of
the petitioner has been transpired during investigation on the



basis that the petitioner is owner of the motorcycle in question and it appears that altogether 459 liters of the illegal liquor was recovered from four motorcycles in question and co-accused person, namely, Prakash Kumar Singh has been granted privilege of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 01.10.2024 passed in Cr.Misc. No.64752 of 2024. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr.P.C./Section 103 of BNSS, 2023. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioners under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for 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.

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) PLJR 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, petitioner has clean antecedent, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner, petitioner has been made accused in the present case only on the ground that he is owner of one of the motorcycles in question and co-accused person, namely, Prakash Kumar has been granted privilege of anticipatory bail by this Court, 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 learned Exclusive Special Excise Court-I, Sitamarhi in connection with Suppi P.S.Case No.142 of 2021, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure/ Section 482(2) of BNSS, 2023 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/her absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his/her 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/her 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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