

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.79858 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-110 Year-2024 Thana- PHULWARIA District- Begusarai

Rajiv Ranjan Son of Surendra Singh @ Surendra Prasad Singh Resident of
Mahisaur P.S -Mahisaur, dist- Vaishali

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Pramod Kumar Singh
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Shaheen Begum

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

ORAL ORDER

2 18-02-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Phulwariya (Fulwaria) P.S. Case No. 110 of 2024 dated 25.07.2024 registered for the offences punishable u/ss 30(a) and 32(2) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 623.625 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the pick-up van.

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 petitioner is owner of the said vehicle. 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. The other co-accused persons have already been granted bail by this court *vide* order dated 25.09.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 68684/2024.

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,
Begusarai in connection with Phulwariya (Fulwaria) P.S. Case
No. 110 of 2024, subject to conditions as laid down under
section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. This application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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