

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.84514 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-576 Year-2023 Thana- GAYA KOTWALI District- Gaya

Chiranjeet Hazra @ Chiranjit Hazra S/O Yudhisthira Hazra Resident of-
Dosara Bhagabanpur, Dashara Bhagabanpur P, Nimpith Ashram, Jayanagar II,
P.S.- Bhagabanpur, Dist- South 24 Paraganas West Bengal

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Saurav Anand, Adv.

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

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH SINGH

ORAL ORDER

2 21-02-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The Petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Kotwali P.S Case No. 576/2023 dated 23.09.2023 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 125.97 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the car.

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 the owner of the said vehicle as stated in Para. 8 of the bail petition. No incriminating



article has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner, hence no case is made out. The co-accused has been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 14.03.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 16799 of 2024. 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,
Gaya in connection with Kotwali P.S Case No. 576/2023,
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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