

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.88626 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-91 Year-2024 Thana- DHANGAI District- Gaya

Rajiya Devi wife of Santosh Mandal @ Santosh Bhuiyan Resident of village-
Nawadih PS- Dangai District- Gaya

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Brijmohan Das, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Gauri Shankar Gupta, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 08-01-2025 Heard Mr.Brijmohan Das, learned counsel for the
petitioner and Mr.Gauri Shankar Gupta, learned Additional
Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending her arrest in
connection with Dhangai P.S.Case No.91 of 2024,FIR dated
04.10.2024 registered for the offences punishable under Section
30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 20 liters of illicit liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner has clean antecedent. She has falsely been implicated
in the present case. It appears from the FIR itself that altogether
20 liters of illicit liquor was recovered from the house of the
petitioner and the seizure list witnesses are Chaukidar and
Police Constable. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits
that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in the present case



although nothing has been recovered from the house of the petitioner and due to village politics the petitioner has been implicated in the present case and it appears from the FIR itself that the co-accused person, namely, Mukesh Mandal @ Mukesh Bhuiyan, who is neighbour of the petitioner, has been arrested and 20 liters of illicit liquor was recovered from the house of co-accused person, namely, Mukesh Mandal @ Mukesh Bhuiyan. 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 is a lady, having clean antecedent, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner and seizure list is not in accordance with law, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of her 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 Special Judge Excise Court No.3, Gaya in connection with Dhangai P.S.Case No.91 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure/Section 482(2) of BNNS, 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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