

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.87701 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-618 Year-2024 Thana- Excise P.S. District- Purnia

Md. Sayeed Alam S/o Md. Jahir Alam @ Md. Jahir Ali R/o Babhanganwa,
ward no. 7, P.S. - Triveniganj, Distt.- Supaul

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjeev Kumar Singh

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Kanhiya Kishor

**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 Purnia P.S Case No. 618 of 2024 dated 03.06.2024 for the offences punishable u/s 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 159.750 litres of illicit liquor was recovered from Maruti Suzuki Car.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner is the owner of the said vehicle but he has no knowledge about the carrying of the illicit liquor in his vehicle. Driver had gone to Bengal to drop the relative of the



petitioner and during return driver was apprehended. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The other co-accused person has already been granted bail by this court *vide* order dated 05.10.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 72249 of 2024. 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, Purnia, in connection with Purnia P.S. Case No. 618 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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