

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.20760 of 2026**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-642 Year-2022 Thana- HAJIPUR SADAR District- Vaishali

Vishwajeet Kumar @ Vishwajeet Pandey S/o Balwant Pandey @ Balwant Kumar Pandey R/o village - Araj Sahbajpur Ward No - 9, P.S - Kajipur , (Hajipur Sadar), District - Vaishali

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Hemant Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Asha Kumari, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA**  
**ORAL ORDER**

2      17-04-2026                      Heard Mr. Hemant Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and Ms. Asha Kumari, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Hajipur Sadar P.S. Case No. 642 of 2022, F.I.R dated 15.08.2022 registered for the offences punishable under Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of 169.920 liters of English liquor.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has clean antecedent and he has falsely been implicated in the present case. He further submits that it appears from the FIR that nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner rather the recovery has



been made from the co-accused, namely, Bholu Pandey @ Dhananjay Pandey. He further submits that name of the petitioner has been transpired on the basis of the disclosure made by the local chowkidar and except the aforesaid, no other material has come during investigation which suggest the involvement of the petitioner in the present occurrence. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 103 of the BNSS. No case, whatsoever, would be made out against the petitioner under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has vehemently opposed the prayer for anticipatory 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) P.L.J.R. 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 and circumstances of the case, 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 the Exclusive Special Excise Court No. 1 - cum- Additional District & Sessions Judge, Vaishali at Hajipur in connection with Hajipur Sadar P.S. Case No. 642 of 2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure 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 absence on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, his 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 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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