

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.26770 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-897 Year-2022 Thana- BIHTA District- Patna

Navneet Kumar S/o Late Kamlesh Prasad Singh @ Kamlesh Singh R/o
Village- Jalpura, PS- Paliganj, District- Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Ashok Kumar Sinha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Pradeep Narain Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 17-04-2026 Heard Mr. Ashok Kumar Sinha, learned counsel for
the petitioner and Mr. Pradeep Narain Kumar, learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Bihta P.S. Case No. 897/2022, F.I.R. dated 07.09.2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 467, 468 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 30(a) and 41 of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. According to prosecution case, total 1899 litres of illicit foreign liquor was recovered from the pick-up van.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. He further submits that it appears from the F.I.R. as well as seizure list that nothing has been recovered from the



conscious possession of the petitioner rather the recovery has been made from vehicle in question and the petitioner has been made accused merely on the basis that he is the owner of the vehicle in question. The driver Raju Kumar was apprehended from the place and occurrence and he disclosed the name of the petitioner. There is non-compliance with mandatory procedure prescribed for recovery under Section 100 of Cr.P.C / Section 103 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. 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. It is further submitted that the petitioner carries three criminal antecedent but fairly submits on the basis of paragraph-3 of the bail application that the petitioner is on bail in the said matter.

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, nothing has been recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner, 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 learned Special Excise Judge, Danapur, Patna in connection with Bihta P.S. Case No. 897/2022, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure / Section 482(2) of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 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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