

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.39187 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-482 Year-2024 Thana- FATEHPUR District- Gaya

Mantu Kumar S/O Puna Yadav Resident Of Village - Matagadha, Poice
Station- Mohanpur, Disrict- Gayah

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The state of Bihar Patna

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Kamal Kumar Sinha

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Arun Kumar

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR VERMA
ORAL ORDER

2 02-07-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Fathepur P.S. Case No. 482 of 2024 registered for the offence punishable under Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act.

3. Recovery is of total 1950 liters of country made mahua liquor from a vehicle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has clean antecedent and has falsely been implicated in the present case. He further submits that it appears from the F.I.R that nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner rather the recovery has been made from the vehicle in question. It is next submitted that petitioner



was not initially named in the FIR. It is next submitted that petitioner has been made an accused in the present case merely on the ground that petitioner is driver of the vehicle in question and except the aforesaid nothing has come during the investigation to suggest the involvement of the petitioner in the present occurrence. It is next submitted that there is non-compliance of mandatory provisions of the BNSS and altogether 1950 liters of country made mahua liquor was recovered from the vehicle in question.

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, nothing has been



recovered from conscious possession of the petitioner and the petitioner has clean antecedent and also the fact that petitioner has been made an accused in the present case merely on the ground that petitioner is driver of the vehicle in question, 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 District and Addl. Sessions Judge-Cum-Exclusive Special Judge Excise-04, Gaya in connection with Fathepur P.S. Case No. 482 of 2024, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure and with other following conditions:-

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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)

Gaurav Sinha/-

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