

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Criminal Miscellaneous No.45745 of 2015

Arising Out of PS.Case No. -81 Year- 2015 Thana -SHIVSAGAR District- SASARAM (ROHTAS)

1. Devendra Prasad Singh @ Devendra Kumar Singh, Son of Saheb Dayal Singh, (Proprietor of Saheb Modern Rice Plant, Janjra), R/o Village- Karup, P.O. Malwar, P.S.- Sheosagar, District- Rohtas.

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar.
2. Bihar State Food and Civil Supply Corporation Ltd. Patna.

.... Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Yogendra Kumar Singh

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ram Sumiran Roy(App)

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 04-11-2015 Heard learned counsels for the petitioner and the State.

The petitioner being a rice miller is apprehending arrest in a case registered for the offences punishable under Sections 409 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

The prosecution case is that Rohtas unit of Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. supplied 12824 quintals of paddy to the petitioner being rice miller under an agreement during the procurement years 2012-13 in lieu thereof the petitioner was supposed to supply 8592.08 quintals of custom milled rice. The petitioner supplied only 5103.90 quintals of processed rice but failed to supply 3488.18 quintals of processed rice worth Rs.75,53,863.08/-.



It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the balance rice could not be supplied due to supply of poor quality of paddy and the apathetic attitude of the officials of The Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. Moreover, under agreement the due amount was supposed to be realized by initiating certificate proceeding under the provision of Bihar and Orissa Public Demands Recovery Act, 1914 or through arbitration.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the BSFC that the petitioner failed to make supply within time frame i.e. 31.12.2013 and the BSFC has already initiated Certificate Proceeding no. 47 of 2014-15.

However, it is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner will deposit 20% of the alleged due amount through bank draft in favour of Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. in four equal bi-monthly installments within eight months though statement to that effect has not been made in the petition.

Considering the present stand of the petitioner, let the above named petitioner be released on provisional anticipatory bail for nine months in the event of arrest or surrender before the learned Court below within a period of six weeks from today on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) with two

sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned CJM, Rohtas at Sasaram in connection with Sheosagar P.S. Case No. 81 of 2015 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

The aforesaid deposit will not be treated to be an admission of the petitioner with regard to the claim of the informant but the same will be subject to the certificate proceeding or any legal proceeding.

The provisional bail of the petitioner will be confirmed by the learned court below on submission of 20% of the due amount through bank draft within eight months in four equal bi-monthly installments in favour of Bihar State Food and Civil Supplies, Corporation Ltd., Patna.

(Dinesh Kumar Singh, J)

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