

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Criminal Revision No.579 of 2016

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1. Chhotu Mandal @ Chhotu Kumar Son of Shankar Mandal, resident of Village Raghunathpur, P.S. Sikandra District- Jamui, Under the Guardian of Shankar Mandal, son of Late Kesho Mandal

.... Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar

.... Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pankaj Kumar

For the Respondent/s : Mr. Anuj Kumar Shrivastava(App)

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHAKRADHARI
SHARAN SINGH
ORAL ORDER**

4 02-02-2017 Heard learned Counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the State.

I have perused the report submitted by learned Principal Member, Juvenile Justice Board, Sheikhpur, in compliance of this Court's order, dated 10.01.2017.

The petitioner is a child in conflict with law and is an accused in Ariari (Kasrah) Police Station Case No. 116 of 2015, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 364, 302, 201 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code. His application for release on bail has been rejected by the Juvenile Justice Board, Sheikhpura, by order, dated 25.02.2016, which order has been affirmed by learned Sessions Judge, Sheikhpura, vide order, dated



31.03.2016, passed in Criminal Appeal No. 07 of 2016.

Against the aforesaid orders, the present criminal revision application has been filed under Section 53 Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that since there is no substantial progress in the enquiry, contemplated under Section 14 Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, the petitioner should be released on bail so that he may live in good family atmosphere.

On perusal of the impugned orders, I find no such illegality which would require interference by this Court.

However, pendency of the enquiry much beyond the statutory period as prescribed under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, is a matter of concern.

This application is accordingly disposed of with a direction to the Juvenile Justice Board, Sheikhpura, to expedite the enquiry and conclude it within a period of six months from the date of communication of the present order.

If the enquiry, under Section 14 Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, is not



concluded by the Juvenile Justice Board, Sheikhpura, within the aforesaid of six months, the petitioner will be at liberty to renew his prayer for bail before the appropriate forum in accordance with law.

This application stands disposed of with the observation and direction, as above.

(Chakradhari Sharan Singh, J.)

Prabhakar Anand/-

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