

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.29846 of 2019**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-135 Year-2016 Thana- LADANIA District- Madhubani

BUDDHA LAL MEENA Son of Girdhari Lal Meena, Resident of Mohalla-
Bheekampura, Town+P.S.+District-Alwar (Rajasthan).

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The Branch Manager, Punjab National Bank, Ladania Branch, District-
Madhubani

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Vijay Kumar
For the Opposite Party/s	:	Mr.Rajeev Nayan(App231)
For the P.N.B.		Mr. Kumar Priya Ranjan(SC)
		Mr. Niraj Kumar

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

2 07-05-2019 Heard both sides.

The petitioner apprehends his arrest in Ladania P.S.
Case No.135 of 2016 registered under Sections 409 and 420 of
the Indian Penal Code.

Sanjay Singh, the then Branch Manager of Punjab
National Bank of Ladania Branch alleged that Sanjay Kumar,
Head Cashier of Punjab National Bank, Ladania Branch
committed different irregularities and debited the accounts of
customers, Govt. accounts and also made interpolation in
different bills and defalcated about Rs.55,33,901/- but he
deposited only Rs.2,30,000/-.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that



petitioner was Branch Manager of Punjab National Bank, Ladania Branch. None of the Branch Managers is made accused in the case. During the course of investigation, the petitioner and other Branch Managers were made accused only on the basis of the fact that during tenure of the petitioner and other Branch Managers, Sanjay Kumar, Head Cashier of the Branch after making interpolation of different records, accounts, bills of Punjab National Bank, Ladania Branch credited more than Rs.55 lacs in his account or in the account of his wife and other relatives and on such, the petitioner and Ramjiwan Chaudhary, Subh Narayan Yadav and Shivnandan were made accused. It is further submitted that Ramjiwan Chaudhary, Subh Narayan Yadav and Shiva Nand have already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Cr. Misc. No.70275 of 2018, Cr. Misc. No.70999 of 2018 and Cr. Misc. No.78957 of 2018.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of Punjab National Bank did not controvert these facts.

Taking into consideration the facts that the petitioner was also Branch Manager of Punjab National Bank, Ladania Branch but there is no allegation of defalcation/misappropriation of any amount against the petitioner and similarly situated other Branch Managers whose



names also surfaced during the course of investigation have already been granted bail, let the petitioner, above named, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the order, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned A.C.J.M. IV, Madhubani/Incharge Successor Court in connection with Ladania P.S. Case No.135 of 2016, G.R. No.2251 of 2016, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(Prabhat Kumar Jha, J)

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