

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.71521 of 2019

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-143 Year-2019 Thana- SIMRI District- Darbhanga

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Rakesh Pandit @ Rajesh Pandit Son of Late Lakhan Pandit Resident of
Village-Banauli, P.S.-Simri, District-Darbhanga.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Lovekush Kumar, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Rajendra Nath Jha, Adv.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

ORAL ORDER

2 27-11-2019 Instant petition under Sections 439 and 440 of

Criminal Procedure Code has been moved for grant of bail in

F.I.R. No. 143 of 2019, dated 31.8.2019, registered at Police

Station Simri under Section 30(a)/38(i)/4 of the Bihar

Prohibition & Excise Act, 2016.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State. I have also
perused the relevant record of the case, necessary for
adjudication of this petition.

Allegedly, 67 bottles of 375 M.L. of Grand Affair
foreign illicit liquor was recovered from the house of the
petitioner, which fact is seriously disputed by the petitioner.
Prima facie also it appears that thus far no case against the
petitioners is made out indicating his complicity in the alleged



crime. Recovery is from an area accessible to general public. Planting of the substance has not been ruled out by the prosecution.

Prima facie, nothing is produced to highlight petitioner's direct involvement in the crime.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has roots in the society; is not likely to interfere in the investigation or influence any of the witnesses or destroy the evidence; is behind bars since 30.8.2019; no further recovery is to be made from the petitioner, nor any custodial interrogation is required and he has fully cooperated in the investigation.

Keeping in view the provision of the special enactment i.e. Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016, this Court is of the considered view that petitioner has made out a case for grant of bail. Possibility of false implication, as is so alleged by the petitioner, cannot be ruled out. Also, thus far save and except for naming the petitioner in the F.I.R., no evidence corroborative in nature stands recorded by the police. Also, none has come forward to highlight the possible involvement of the petitioner in the crime. On what basis the Investigating Officer could link the accused to the crime is also not emanating from



the record.

Be that as it may, having regard to the entirety of the attending facts and circumstances of the case, let the petitioner, named above, be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 25,000/-(Twenty five thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge,-II-cum-Special Judge, Excise, Darbhanga in connection with G.O. Case No.869 of 2019, arising out of Simri P.S. Case No. 143 of 2019, on the following conditions:-

(i) That one of the bailors of the petitioner shall be their close relatives.

(ii) That the petitioner shall not indulge in any similar offence till conclusion of the trial.

(iii) That the petitioner shall remain physically present in court on each and every date during trial and in the event of failure on two consecutive dates without sufficient reason, their bail-bonds shall be liable to be cancelled by the learned court concerned.

(iv) The petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation, if not already concluded, and make themselves available as and when so required and, in case of failure, the State shall be at liberty to move for cancellation of bail.



Any observation made herein shall not be construed to
be an expression on the merits of the matter.

Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

(Sanjay Karol, CJ)

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