

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No. 428 of 2020**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-20 Year-2018 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.  
District- Begusarai

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ASHOK KUMAR RAI Son of Late Shivnath Rai Resident of Village -  
Chandpura, P.O. - Chandpura, P.S.- Raghapur, Distt - Vaishali.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar.
  2. Union of India through Narcotics Control Bureau, Patna. Bihar
- ... .. Opposite Party/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Jitendra Prasad Singh  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Umesh Lal Verma

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR**  
**ORAL ORDER**

3      12-06-2020                      The proceedings of the Court are being conducted  
  
through Video Conferencing and the Advocates joined the  
  
proceedings through Video Conferencing from their residence.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
counsel for the State.

Petitioner, who is in custody, seeks bail in a case  
registered for the offence punishable under Sections 8/20(b)(ii)  
(C)/25/29 of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substance  
Act.

Allegation is recovery of 517 Kg Ganja which was  
concealed in cabin of 407 vehicle.

Petitioner had earlier moved this Court for regular bail  
vide Cr. Misc. No. 34536 of 2018 which was rejected on  
13.12.2018 with a direction to the trial court to conclude the



trial within one year. Petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. Alleged Ganja was recovered from 407 vehicle whereas Petitioner was travelling in Xylo vehicle. Petitioner has no criminal antecedent and is in custody since 13.04.2018.

In view of recovery of huge quantity of narcotic substance, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail at this stage, hence, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is hereby rejected.

However, trial court is directed to expedite and conclude the trial within one year from the date of receipt/production of a copy of order passed by this Court.

**(S. Kumar, J)**

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