

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
(FROM RESIDENTIAL OFFICE VIA VIDEO APPLICATION)
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.17840 of 2020**

Rohit Manjhi, aged about 21 years (male) son of Ishwar Manjhi @ Padarath Manjhi, R/o village- Ahiyapur, Sheikhpura, P.S.- Sheikhpura, District-Sheikhpura

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Md. Atul Chandra, APP

Mr. Akhileshwar Dayal, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
ORAL ORDER**

2 13-05-2020 This application has been placed for consideration by the order of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice through virtual court proceeding.

This is an application for grant of regular bail to the sole petitioner in connection with Excise Case No. 57 of 2020 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 30(a), 37 (b), 45 and 52 of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

It is the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case as there is no independent witness to the seizure of illicit liquor. It is further submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 07.02.2020 having no criminal antecedent and investigation against him is complete.

Learned APP for the State has opposed the prayer for



regular bail of the petitioner. It is, however, not the case of the State that the investigation in the case is not complete and/or release of the petitioner is at this stage in any way going to affect the trial.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case wherein it is the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody since 07.02.2020 having no criminal antecedent, investigation against him is complete and there is no chance of tampering with the evidence if the petitioner is released on bail as there is no such submission on behalf of the State, this Court directs release of the petitioner above named on bail in connection with Excise Case No. 57 of 2020 on furnishing of bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction learned 2nd Additional Sessions Judge, Sheikhpura, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 437(3) of the Cr.P.C. as under:

(a) that such person shall attend in accordance with the conditions of the bond executed under this Chapter,

(b) that such person shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which he is accused, or suspected, of the commission of which he is suspected, and



(c) that such person shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence.

And further condition that he will abide by and observe the guidelines and directives of the Government of India and the State Government with regard to COVID-19 Pandemic during the lockdown period. The authorities concerned shall take appropriate steps to ensure such observance prior to and after release of the petitioner.

This application stands disposed of.

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

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Note: The ordersheet duly signed has been attached with the record. However, in view of the present arrangements, during Pandemic period all concerned shall act on the basis of the copy of the order uploaded on the High Court website under the heading 'Judicial Orders Passed During The Pandemic Period'.

