

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.22684 of 2020

Arising out of PS. Case No.-115 Year-2020 Thana- NAUBATPUR District- Patna

Sanni Raj, Son of Shri Prashu Ram Paswan, Resident of Paliganj, P.S.-
Paliganj, District - Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Nazir Alam, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 02-09-2020 The Court proceeding has been conducted through
virtual mode.

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

Since the court proceeding in physical mode is non-
functional, due to present pandemic, COVID-19, the matter is
listed with defects.

Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes to
remove the defects within three weeks of resumption of court
proceeding in physical mode. In the eventuality of non-removal
of defects within undertaken period, the office will place the
matter before the bench.

The petitioner is languishing in custody since
01.03.2020 in a case registered for the offence punishable under



Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016, as amended by Act 8 of 2018, hence, the prayer for bail has been made through the present application.

The prosecution case, as per the self-statement of Samrat Deepak, S.I.-cum-S.H.O., Naubatpur P.S. submitted to the Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Patna, is to the effect that on 01.03.2020 during evening patrolling, one auto-rickshaw was intercepted, the driver disclosed his name as Sanni Raj, the petitioner. From the auto-rickshaw in question, 262.250 litres of Indian Made Foreign liquor were recovered.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner was not aware of the liquor being loaded in the vehicle. He was simply travelling in the auto-rickshaw which is a public transport vehicle and he was not the driver of the vehicle in question and investigation has already been concluded. A statement has been made in paragraph no. 3 of the petition that the petitioner is not having any criminal antecedent.

Learned APP for the State submits that the recovery has been made from the auto-rickshaw in the which the petitioner was travelling.

Considering the nature of accusation and the fact that the investigation has already been concluded and the statement



made in paragraph no. 3 that the petitioner is not having any criminal antecedent, let the petitioner above named be released on bail for the present provisionally for a period of three months on furnishing one surety to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge (Excise), Patna in connection with Naubatpur P.S. Case No. 115 of 2020 (Special Case No. 2141 of 2020).

However, in view of the present pandemic COVID-19, it will be open for the learned Court below to accept the bail bond upon furnishing an undertaking by the surety, on photo copy of his Aadhar Card, to the effect that he is ready to become the bailor of the petitioner which may be transmitted by such surety to the learned Court concerned through e-mode.

The provisional bail of the petitioner will be confirmed by the learned Court below within three months on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties, including one surety given at the time of provisional bail, of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge (Excise), Patna in connection with Naubatpur P.S. Case No. 115 of 2020 (Special Case No. 2141 of 2020).

The learned Court below is at liberty to further extend the period of provisional bail if the court proceeding in physical mode will not resume in next three months.



Accordingly, the application stands disposed of.

(Dinesh Kumar Singh, J)

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