

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.54123 of 2019

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-20 Year-2016 Thana- GORIAKOTHI District- Siwan

Vikash Mahto @ Vikas Mahto, Son of Hans Nath Mahato Residence of Village-Sisai Tarkul Tola, Police Station-Goriakothi, District-Siwan.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Bikram Deo Singh, Advocate Mr. Shambhu Prasad Yadav, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s	:	Mr. Mohammed Arif, APP
For the Informant	:	Mr. Vijay Prakash Singh, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

4 03-07-2020 Heard Mr. Bikram Deo Singh, learned Advocate for the petitioner, Mr. Vijay Prakash Singh for the informant and the learned APP for the State.

The prayer for bail of the petitioner was earlier rejected *vide* order dated 20.06.2018 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 21310 of 2018.

Mr. Bikram Deo Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is in custody since 14.02.2017 but the trial has not yet concluded.

A report was called for by this Court on an earlier occasion which has been received and kept at 'Flag-X'. A perusal of the report indicates that out of eleven charge sheet witnesses, four witnesses including the informant have been examined.



Under the circumstances, especially taking into account the period of custody of the petitioner, this Court directs that the trial be concluded within a period of six months positively. All steps shall be taken by the trial court to conclude the trial within the aforesaid period.

In case the trial is not concluded without any laches on the part of the petitioner, he would be at liberty to approach the court below for grant of bail.

With the aforesaid direction/observation, the application stands disposed off.

(Ashutosh Kumar, J)

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