

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
(FROM RESIDENTIAL OFFICE VIA VIDEO APPLICATION)
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.16128 of 2021**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-243 Year-2020 Thana- KATORIYA District- Banka

PRAMOD KUMAR SAW @ PROMOD KUMAR SAH Son of Rameshwar
Sah Resident of Village - Heerapur Manetha, P.S. and Distt.- Dhanbad
(Jharkhand).

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Brij Nandad Prasad, Advocate.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Akhileshwar Dayal, APP

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

2 24-06-2021 Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes to

remove all the defects pointed out by the Stamp Reporter within

four weeks after start of normal functioning of the Court.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.
Akhileshwar Dayal, learned APP for the State.

The petitioner in the present case is seeking regular bail in
connection with Katoria P.S. Case No. 243 of 2020 (Special Case No.
685/2020) registered for the offences punishable under Sections
30(a) and 56(D) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the
prosecution story total 304.875 liters of illicit foreign liquor was
recovered from an auto van which was driven by this petitioner.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is innocent and
has falsely been implicated in the present case. It is submitted that



petitioner is just driver of the vehicle and he had no knowledge of illicit liquor being loaded in the said tempo. The petitioner is in custody since 27.11.2020 having no criminal antecedent.

Learned APP for the State has opposed the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case wherein it is the submission of learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner happened to be the driver of the vehicle in question and had no knowledge of the foreign liquor being loaded in the said tempo, he has otherwise no criminal antecedent and has remained in jail in connection with the present case since 27.11.2020, investigation against him is complete but the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future, considering all these aspects this Court directs release of the petitioner above named on bail on furnishing of bail bonds of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Court of Additional Sessions Judge-II, Banka in connection with Katoria P.S. Case No. 243 of 2020, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 437(3) 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 is suspected, and

(c) that such persons shall not directly or indirectly make and 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 the court below shall verify the criminal antecedent of the petitioner and in case at any stage it is found that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedent, the court below shall take step for cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner. However, the acceptance of bail bonds in terms of the above-mentioned order shall not be delayed for purpose of or in the name of verification.

The application stands allowed.

(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'.

