

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.19030 of 2021**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-40 Year-2019 Thana- BIHTA District- Patna

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UJJWAL KUMAR @ UJJWAL @ AWANISH KUMAR S/O LATE MADAN
MOHAN SHARMA @ MADAN MOHAN R/o village- Bhelura, P.S.-
Janipur, District- Patna

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

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

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

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY
ORAL ORDER**

3 21-10-2021 Heard learned counsel for the parties.

The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with a case registered under sections 387, 120B, 341, 448, 504, 506 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code and section 27 of the Arms Act.

As per the prosecution case, the allegation against the petitioner is of having demanded ransom to the tune of Rs. 5 lacs.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the earlier application for bail of the petitioner was rejected vide order dated 27.2.2020 (Annexure 1) passed in Cr. Misc. no. 7068 of 2020. It is further submitted that inspite of the direction of this Court to expedite the trial, there is no progress



whatsoever in the learned trial Court. The petitioner is in custody since 20.4.2019.

The application for bail is opposed by learned APP for the State.

As per the report received from the learned trial Court contained in letter dated 4.10.2021 charge has been framed against the accused but the trial could not proceed as a result of the physical functioning of the Courts being affected as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The report further states that the Court is giving short dates to expedite the trial.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the facts of the case together with the contents of the report of the learned trial Court, the Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail and the application is rejected.

Learned trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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