

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.24985 of 2021

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-5 Year-2017 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.
District- Patna

GAJENDRA NARAYAN S/o Ram Lakhan Yadav R/o village- Bardih (Bardi),
P.S.- Salaiya, District- Aurangabad, at the relevant time resided at All, 3rd
Floor, Paperwali Gali, West Baldev Park, P.S.- Jagatpuri, New Delhi

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The Union of India through the Assistant Director, Directorate of
Enforcement, Govt. of India, 1st Floor, Chandpura Place, Bank Road, West
Gandhi Maidan Patna

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Adv.
For the UOI : Mr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Adv.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SRIVASTAVA
ORAL ORDER

3 25-08-2021 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the
learned A.P.P. for the State.

The petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Special Case No. (PMLA) 04 of 2018 for the offence under
Section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner
submits that earlier the prayer for bail of this petitioner had
been rejected by this Court vide order dated 02.12.2019
passed in Cr. Misc. No. 50340 of 2019. The petitioner is
rotting in judicial custody since 13.01.2020 i.e. more than
one and half years and there is no substantial progress in the
trial.



A report was called for regarding the stage of the trial and the same has been received from the trial court which indicates that the trial of the case has not been initiated as yet.

Learned counsel for the Union of India has opposed the prayer for bail and submitted that earlier the prayer for bail of this petitioner has been rejected on merits and now no fresh ground is made out for reconsideration of the prayer for bail of the petitioner.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of this petitioner is rejected.

However, the learned court below is directed to expedite the trial of the case and conclude it preferably within a period of six months from the receipt/production of a copy of this order.

(Arvind Srivastava, J)

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