

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.30472 of 2021

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-248 Year-2018 Thana- DHARHARA District- Munger

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SANTOSH MANJHI Son of Late Ram Lal Manjhi Resident of Village -
Khirodharpur, P.S. - Dharhara, Distt. - Munger.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Jyoti Ranjan Jha, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ram Anurag Singh, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PARTHA SARTHY
ORAL ORDER

3 01-09-2021 Heard learned counsel for the parties through video
conferencing.

The petitioner has renewed his prayer for bail in connection with Sessions Trial no.24 of 2019 (arising out of Dharhara P.S. Case no.248 of 2018) registered under sections 363 and 370 of the Indian Penal Code to which sections 302, 120B and 201 of the Indian Penal Code were added subsequently.

As per the prosecution case, on the confessional statement of co-accused Matuki Yadav, the dead body cut into pieces was recovered in the premises of the house of this petitioner.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the name of the petitioner transpired in the confessional



statement of Matuki Yadav who has been enlarged on bail. The petitioner is in custody since 25.9.2018 and there is no chance of the trial concluding in the near future because of Covid-19 pandemic.

As per the report received from the learned trial court with respect to the stage of the trial, six of the eight prosecution witnesses have been examined and only two doctors remain to be examined on behalf of the prosecution.

The prosecution as also the Superintendent of Police, Munger shall ensure the examination of the two doctors as witnesses in the trial at the earliest.

In view of the facts of the case, 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.

(Partha Sarthy, J)

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