

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No. 20288 of 2020

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-20 Year-2018 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.
District- Begusarai

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ASHOK CHOUDHARY @ ASHOK KUMAR CHOUDHARY S/o
Bishwanath Choudhary Resident of Village- Raghunathpur, P.S.- Tajpur,
Distt- Samastipur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. The Union of India through Narcotics Control Bureau, Patna Zonal Unit,
Patna. Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Ashok Kumar Mishra, Advocate
For the State	:	Mr. Dilip Kumar No. 1, APP
For the U.O.I.	:	Mr. Manoj Kumar Singh, CGC

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

10 07-04-2021 Petitioner seeks bail in a case registered for the

offence punishable under Sections 8/20/29 of the Narcotic
Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act.

As per prosecution case, Police on confidential
information searched Tata 407 and Mahindra Xylo standing on
the road. It is alleged that 517 kg. of Ganja kept in 48 sealed
packets have been recovered from Tata 407 vehicle. Petitioner
along with three accused persons were found sitting in
Mahindra Xylo standing near Tata 407. The Police arrested the
petitioner and other accused persons.

The statement of petitioner and other accused persons



have been recorded under Section 67 of NDPS Act wherein all have confessed their guilt.

Earlier also, petitioner had moved this Court for grant of regular bail which was rejected vide Annexure 1 by a coordinate Bench of this Court.

Vide order dated 01.07.2020, report was called for from the court concerned as with regard to the stage of trial.

Report of the trial court has been received, which is kept at Flag X, extract of which is reproduced hereinbelow:-

“Most humbly and respectfully, I beg to say that the case record of NDPS case No.06/2018 (C.I.S. No.07/2018) arising out of NCB/PIO/Cr.20/2018 is pending in my file for trial and disposal.

Further, I beg to say that upon perusal of case record it appears that four P.W.'s are examined till 03 March, 2020 and two P.W.'s are rest to be examined but from 24.03.2020 to 02.06.2020 court work is paralyzed due to COVID pandemic.

Further, I beg to say that six months time is likely to be required in concluding the trial.”

In view of the above, considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Hence, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is hereby rejected.



However, the trial court is directed to expedite the trial of the petitioner and conclude the same within a period of one year from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order.

(S. Kumar, J)

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