

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.35210 of 2020

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-95 Year-2020 Thana- ARARIA District- Araria

GURPREET SINGH Son of Mukhtiyar Singh Resident of Village - Pawkhar,
P.S.- Sahnewal, District - Ludhiana, State - Punjab.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjay Kumar Sharma

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Rajiv Nayan, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHAKRADHARI SHARAN SINGH

ORAL ORDER

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Heard learned counsel for the parties.

This application for grant of regular bail arises out of Special Case No. 142 of 2020 arising out of Araria Police Station Case No. 95 of 2000, disclosing offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise (Amendment) Act, 2016.

Allegedly, from the truck, which was being driven by the petitioner 3969 liters of Indian made foreign liquor was recovered. The petitioner is resident of State of Punjab and he was apprehended by the police at Araria.

Mr. Mrigank Mouli, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that being driver of the vehicle, he was not aware of the presence of the illicit liquor in



the said truck and he was carrying the consignment under the instructions of the owner of the truck.

Considering the huge quantity of illicit liquor alleged to have been recovered from the truck, the plea that the petitioner had no knowledge about the presence of illicit liquor in the said truck is not acceptable to this Court for the purpose of grant of regular bail.

This application is, accordingly, rejected.

The petitioner shall, however, be at liberty to renew his prayer for bail after six months, if there is no substantial progress in the trial, in the meanwhile.

(Chakradhari Sharan Singh, J)

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