

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.35546 of 2020

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-95 Year-2019 Thana- BARAULI District- Gopalganj

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Pawan Manjhi S/o - Gorakh Nath Manjhi @ Gorakh Manjhi Resident of
village - Batardeh, P.S. Barauli, District- Gopalganj.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar.

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Nafisuzzoha, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Anand Kishore Choudhary, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

3 24-02-2021 Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and
the learned APP for the State.

The petitioner seeks bail in connection with S.T.
No. 285 of 2019, arising out of Barauli P.S. Case No. 95
of 2019 dated 22.03.2019 instituted for the offences
under Sections 304B, 201 and 34 of the Indian Penal
Code.

His prayer for bail was earlier rejected vide
order dated 06.03.2020 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 73149
of 2019.

This Court had called for a report from the
court below about the stage of the case on 19.01.2021.
The report dated 22.01.2021 indicates that out of four
prosecution witnesses, only one witness has been
examined on 22.10.2019. The process of the trial could



not be resumed because of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Considering the nature of accusation against the petitioner, I am not inclined to grant bail to him for the present.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail is rejected.

However, the trial court is directed to conclude the trial positively within a period of eight months, failing which the petitioner shall have the liberty to approach the trial court for grant of bail and in that event the trial court is required to state the reasons for the tardy progress of the trial.

(Ashutosh Kumar, J)

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