

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA  
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.13700 of 2021**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-23 Year-2019 Thana- MAHNAR District- Vaishali

RAM SWAROOP RAY Son of Sonelal Ray Resident of Village- Lawapur  
Mahnar, P.S.- Mahnar, District- Vaishali at Hajipur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Dr. Om Prakash Om, Advocate  
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR**  
ORAL ORDER

2      03-01-2022                      Heard Mr. Dr. Om Prakash Om, learned  
Advocate for the petitioner and the learned APP for the  
State.

The petitioner seeks bail in anticipation of his  
arrest in connection with Mahnar P.S. Case No. 23 of  
2019 dated 20.01.2019 instituted for the offences under  
Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

The petitioner is said to have stealthily  
consumed electrical energy to the tune of Rs. 83,947/-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has  
submitted that his electrical line was disconnected and  
he reported the matter to the Public Grievance Redressal  
Cell. The Grievance Cell directed the Superintending  
Engineer of the Electric Department to look into the  
matter and pass necessary orders.



No decision as yet has been taken at the level of the Superintending Engineer of the Electricity Department.

The claim of the informant of the petitioner having misappropriated electrical energy unauthorizedly to the tune of Rs. 83,947/- is absolutely false. Instead of settling the dispute, the department has chosen to falsely prosecute the petitioner.

Considering the aforesaid background facts, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail, in the event of his arrest or surrender before the court below within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt/production of a copy of this order, on his furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Vaishali at Hajipur in connection with Mahnar P.S. Case No. 23 of 2019, subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

**(Ashutosh Kumar, J)**

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