

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.20497 of 2021

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-146 Year-2020 Thana- CHANDAUTI District- Gaya

SANJEEV KUMAR @ SANJEEV KUMAR GUPTA Son of Sri Om Prakash Gupta @ Om Prakash Sao Resident of Village - Kewali, P.S.- Chandauti, Distt.- Gaya.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shailesh Kumar

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Amitesh Kumar, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 14-02-2022 Due to the third wave of COVID-19 Pandemic, the matter is being taken up by way of virtual Court proceeding.

The matter has been listed under the heading “For Orders” under the orders of Hon’ble the Chief Justice.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the State through virtual mode.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to remove the defect(s), as pointed out by the office, within a period of four weeks after restoration of normalcy.

The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in Chandauti P.S. Case No. 146 of 2020 registered for the offence under Section 7(1)(2) of Essential Commodities Act.

Allegedly, 74 quintals of Arwa rice was seized. The



petitioner is alleged to be involved in black marketing.

It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner has got no criminal antecedent. There is no allegation of tampering of witnesses alleged against the petitioner. The petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case. It has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner is a registered grocery shop dealer of the state. He has been granted licence by a competent authority. The recovered 74 quintal of Arwa rice is obtained by the petitioner from the agriculturists for his shop. The allegation of black marketing of the rice is denied by the petitioner.

On behalf of the State, it is submitted that the petitioner is named in the Complaint Case/F.I.R.

It is necessary to indicate here that this Court while considering the prayer made in the present anticipatory bail application has taken note of the exponential rise in number of covid cases due to outbreak of third wave of Covid-19 pandemic. Further this Court can also not lose sight of the fact that the condition of jails is not conducive and suitable to the present situation which has arisen due to the sudden rise in covid cases.

Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the



case, the petitioner, above named, in the event of arrest or surrender before the learned court below within a period of twelve weeks from today, be released on anticipatory bail on his personal bond to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gaya in connection with Chandauti P.S. Case No. 146 of 2020 subject to the conditions as laid down under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Once the normalcy is restored, the petitioner shall furnish bail bonds of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each within a period of eight weeks to the satisfaction of the court concerned in connection with the aforesaid case.

(Sudhir Singh, J)

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