

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.22230 of 2021

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-23 Year-2017 Thana- D.R.I District- Patna

Chhotu Ram Son of Sri Haendra Ram Resident of Village and Post- Barka
Rajpur Kala, P.S.- Simri, District- Buxar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The Union of India through DRI, Patna.

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjiv Sharan

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.K.N.Singh(Adsg)

Mr.Anshuman Singh

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

7 08-02-2022 Heard learned counsel for the parties through video conferencing.

Earlier, the bail petition of petitioner was rejected, vide order dated 26.09.2019 passed in Cr.Misc. No. 39838 of 2019 with an observation that if the trial would not be concluded within specified time, due to laches on the part of the prosecution, necessary order would be passed in the matter.

On last occasion, vide order dated 24.11.2021, fresh status report with regard to stage of the trial was called for, which has been received and kept at flag 'D'. From perusal of the same, it appears that four witness have already been examined and trial is likely to be concluded within six months.

It is submitted on behalf of petitioner that trial is not progressing smoothly and petitioner is languishing in jail since



01.09.2017.

However, learned counsel for D.R.I. opposed the bail petition.

Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances as well as the fact that in this case, huge quantity of *Ganja* has been recovered and stage of the trial, the bail petition of petitioner is rejected. However, since the petitioner is in custody since 01.09.2017, the learned trial court is directed to conclude the trial as early as possible.

(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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