

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.25296 of 2022**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-55 Year-2022 Thana- KOILWAR District- Bhojpur

Raj Kumar Rai @ Raj Kumar Ray, Son of Late Surendra Ray @ Ram Badan  
Ray Resident of Village - Manachak, P.s.- Koilwar, Distt.- Bhojpur.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Pravin Kumar, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Shyameshwar Dayal, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV ROY**  
**ORAL ORDER**

3      30-08-2022                      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned  
APP who represents the State.

Let the defect(s), if any, as pointed out by the office  
be removed within four weeks.

The petitioner is in judicial custody in connection  
with Koilwar P.S. Case No. 55 of 2022 for the offences under  
Sections 302, 147, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code and  
Section 27 of the Arms Act.

Lovely Sharma, the daughter of the deceased Sanjit  
Kumar has lodged the FIR on 22.01.2022 at 1:30 A.M. alleging  
therein that:

(i) on 21.01.2022 at 10:00 A.M.

her father Sanjit Kumar (deceased) had gone  
to Balu Ghat, Kamlau Chak Ghat, Koilwar in  
connection with 'Bhumi Pujan' but failed to



return in the evening;

(ii) subsequently, she got knowledge from the police that two people have been killed due to gun shot injuries and the dead bodies have been kept at Sadar Hospital, Ara;

(iii) accordingly, she reached Sadar Hospital, Ara and identified her father's body;

(iv) further she got knowledge from her father's friend who were accompanying him that 25 named accuseds and 30-35 unknown accused persons resorted to indiscriminate firing leading to gun shot injuries in the stomach of her father and the head of her father's friend, Durgesh (deceased) who died on the spot;

(v) accordingly, the present FIR was lodged against 26 named accuseds and 30-35 unknown accused persons.

In this case, case diary was called for on 05.08.2022 which has since been received and has been perused by learned



APP for the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a bare perusal of the postmortem report shows that both the deceased have received one gun shot injury each inasmuch as while on Sanjit Kumar, one gun shot injury on the stomach has been found, on Durgesh, the one single gun shot injury has been found on head, both proved fatal and resulted into their death. He as such submits that against the two gun shot injuries, the allegation of indiscriminate firing against 26 named accused persons and 30-35 unknown accused persons raises suspicion about the motive of the informant in implicating innocent persons in the backdrop of the fact that she was not an eye witness to the occurrence and got the knowledge from her father's friends.

With the help of the case diary, learned counsel further submits that a bare perusal of paragraph no. 219 of the case diary shows that Dy. Superintendent of Police in his supervision note considering the naming of Binay Rai and Md. Alim Khan had directed the Investigating Officer to verify their roles before taking decision in the matter. He further submitted that Investigating Officer in a haste submitted charge sheet against the accused persons to beat the 90 days mandatory



period envisaged under Cr.P.C.

Learned counsel further submits that how the innocent persons have been implicated in this case can be best seen from the two instances that had been recorded in the case diary at page nos. 226 and 227 and 301. As per the page nos. 226 and 227, the witnesses have stated about one of the accused namely, Alim Khan, who is 75 years old and as per the C.C. Tv. Footage, he after offering '*Namaj*' returned to his home and remained inside home at the time of occurrence. He further submits that para 301 is dedicated to one Binay Rai, who is serving the Indian Army was at the relevant time posted at Arunachal Pradesh but he has also been named as an accused in the present case. He as such submits that taking into account the two instances, it can be easily concluded that the informant, who was not an eye witness to the occurrence have lodged this FIR to settle score with everyone with whom she or her family had any problem.

He reiterates that against the indiscriminate firing allegation against the accused persons including the petitioner herein, only two gun shot injuries in the postmortem report clearly shows that the petitioner herein deserve bail in the backdrop of the fact that immediately after the occurrence, they



were arrested from their respective homes on the said date itself on 22.01.2022 and the charge sheet stands submitted. The last submissions of the counsel for the petitioner is that the similar situate co-accuseds namely Ram Shankar Bind @ Rama Shankar Bind, Yogendra Bind and Guput Bind have since been released on bail vide Cr. Misc. No.17621/2022 on 23.08.2022.

Let the order dated 23.08.2022 passed in Cr. Misc. No.17621/2022 be kept on record.

Per contra, learned APP for the State submits that there is allegation of indiscriminate firing against all the accused persons including the petitioners herein causing death of two persons and as such, they do not deserve bail.

This Court has gone through the FIR, the different paragraphs of the case diary, the post-mortem report and finds favour with the submissions put forward by the learned Senior counsel for the petitioners. There has been unfortunate killing of two innocent persons but the Court is duty bound to see the allegations/false implication aspects.

Taking into account the aforesaid facts including the fact that omnibus allegations against accused persons including the petitioner herein is of firing and they are in custody since 14.03.2022, charge sheet stands submitted similar situate



persons have been granted bail vide Cr. Misc. No.17621/2022 and ultimately they have to face the trial, this Court is inclined to grant them privilege of bail.

Let the petitioner be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 15,000/- (Fifteen Thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhojpur at Ara in connection with Koilwar P.S. Case No. 55 of 2022, subject to the following conditions.

(i) one of the bailor should be the family member of the petitioner, who shall provide official document to show his/her *bona fide*;

(ii) the petitioner shall appear on each and every date before the Trial Court and failure to do so for two consecutive dates without plausible reasons will entail his cancellation of bail by the Trial Court itself;

(iii) he shall appear before the concerned police station every months for one year to mark his presence;

(iv) he shall in no way try to induce or promise or threat the witnesses or tamper with the evidence, failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of his bail bonds;

(v) the petitioner shall desist from committing any



criminal offence again failing which the State shall be at liberty to take steps for cancellation of his bail bonds.

Nothing observed in this bail application shall be taken into consideration during the course of the trial as the same has been observed for considering the bail application of the petitioner herein.

With the aforesaid observations, the bail application is allowed.

**(Rajiv Roy, J)**

Prakash Narayan /-

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