

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.25802 of 2022**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-28 Year-2022 Thana- BHAGALPUR KOTWALI District-
Bhagalpur

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Raju Mandal @ Raj Mandal Son of Late Brajeshwar Mandal R/O-
Sacchidanand Nagar, P.S.- Tilkamanjhi, District- Bhagalpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Rajive Ranjan Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Sucheta Yadav, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA SHEKHAR JHA
ORAL ORDER

2 29-07-2022 Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the

petitioner and learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State

through virtual Court proceedings.

Let the defect(s), if any, be removed within a period
of four weeks from today.

The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Kotwali
(Tilkamanjhi) P.S. Case No. 28 of 2022 registered for the
offence under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition and Excise
Act, 2016.

The accused/petitioner is named in the F.I.R. and is in
custody since 06.04.2022.



The allegation against the petitioner is to have in possession of 9 liters of foreign liquor, which was recovered from the house of the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that recovery was made from the house of the petitioner, which was jointly occupied by other family members, as such, it cannot be said to be recovered from the conscious physical possession of the petitioner and nothing surfaced during the course of investigation, which may connect the petitioner with the alleged recovery of illicit liquor. It is pointed out that petitioner is involved in five other criminal cases, in which he is on bail. While concluding the argument, it is submitted that investigation in this case is complete for which chargesheet has been submitted, as such, there is no chance of tampering with the evidence.

Learned APP appearing on behalf of the State, while opposing the prayer of bail, fairly conceded that recovery was made from the house of the petitioner.

Considering the facts and circumstances as mentioned above, as recovery was made from the house of the petitioner, which was jointly occupied by other family members, as such, it cannot be said to be recovered from the conscious physical



possession of the petitioner coupled with the fact that chargesheet has already been submitted, let the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on bail in connection with Kotwali (Tilkamanjhi) P.S. Case No. 28 of 2022 on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge Exclusive, Excise Court No.2, Bhagalpur/concerned Court, subject to the following conditions:

“(i) That accused/petitioner shall not involve in the similar nature of offence till the conclusion of trial, failing which the State shall be at liberty to move before the Trial Court itself for the cancellation of bail bond of the petitioner.

(ii) That accused/petitioner shall cooperate in the trial and shall be physically present on each and every date before the Trial Court till conclusion of the trial and exemption from physical appearance be allowed by the Trial Court, only on medical ground of the petitioner, duly supported by the documents.



(iii) That one of the bailors shall be
Roshan Kumar, who is the cousin brother of
the petitioner and deponent of the present
bail petition.”

(Chandra Shekhar Jha, J)

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