

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.26055 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-98 Year-2022 Thana- SHERGHATI District- Gaya

Sanoj Kumar S/o Manbodh Ganju R/o village- Pinjani, P.S.- Kunda, District-
Chatra, Jharkhand

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Vinod Kumar, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Khurshid Anwar, APP

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 Sherghati
(Dobhi) P.S. Case No. 98 of 2022 registered for the offence
under Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and Excise
(Amendment) Act, 2018.

The accused/petitioner is named in the F.I.R. and is in
custody since 30.01.2022.

The allegation against the petitioner is to have in
possession of 592.5 liters of illicit liquor, which was recovered
from a Bolera vehicle bearing Registration no. JH 03 D 6962.



Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that petitioner is the driver of the alleged vehicle and nothing surfaced during the course of investigation, which may suggest that petitioner is aware about the illegal consignment of illicit liquor loaded in the vehicle. It is submitted that recovery of illicit liquor is not from the conscious physical possession of the petitioner. While concluding the argument, it is submitted that petitioner is a man of clean antecedent and, moreover, 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 petitioner is the driver of the alleged vehicle.

Considering the facts and circumstances as mentioned above, as recovery cannot be said from the conscious physical possession of the petitioner, who is a man of clean antecedent 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 Sherghati (Dobhi) P.S. Case No. 98 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 I/C Exclusive Special Excise Judge,
Court No.2, Gaya/concerned Court, subject to the following
conditions:

“(i) 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.

(ii) That one of the bailors shall be
Gita Devi, who is the wife of the petitioner
and deponent of the present bail petition.”

(Chandra Shekhar Jha, J)

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