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C. R. M. (NDPS) 484 of 2022

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 12.05.2022 in connection with Kharagpur Local Police Station Case No. 119 of 2022 dated 16.02.2022 under Sections 20(b)(ii)(c)/25/29 of the NDPS Act. (NDPS Case No.7 of 2022)

And

In Re: ***Rajen Satpathy @ Happy***

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Kusal Kumar Mukherjee

... .. for the petitioner

Mr. Sudip Ghosh

Mr. Apurba Kumar Datta

... .. for the State

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that he is in custody for about 97 days. It is further submitted that no narcotic substance was recovered from his possession.

Learned advocate appearing for the State opposes the prayer for bail and submits petitioner had entered into a criminal conspiracy with co-accuseds from whom narcotic substance above commercial quantity i.e. 90 kgs. of *Ganja* was recovered.

We have considered the materials on record. We find that no narcotic substance was recovered from the possession of the petitioner and his complicity has transpired from the statement of co-accused before a police officer which is inadmissible in evidence. Under such circumstances, we are of the opinion that the petitioner has been able to rebut the statutory restrictions under Section 37 of the NDPS Act. In view of the aforesaid fact and the period of detention suffered by the petitioner, we are of the opinion that further detention of the accused/petitioner is not necessary.

Therefore, the accused/petitioner, namely **Rajen Satpathy @ Happy**, be released on bail upon furnishing bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only), with two sureties of like amount each, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of the learned Judge, Special Court under the NDPS Act, 1985, Paschim Medinipur subject to condition that the said petitioner shall appear before the trial court on every date of hearing until further orders and shall not intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence in any manner whatsoever or commit similar offences in future.

In the event he fails to appear before the trial court without justifiable cause, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel his bail automatically without reference to this court.

The application for bail, thus, stands **allowed**.

(Ananya Bandyopadhyay, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)