

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.9763 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-1198 Year-2022 Thana- NAWADA District- Nawada

VIRAT NARAYAN S/o Rajendra Prasad R/o Mohalla- Shyam Market Purani
Bazar, P.S.- Nawada Town, Distt- Nawada.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar Bihar
2. The Assistant Electric Engineer, Electric Supply Additional Commissioner
Division, Nawada. Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Prithivi Raj Singh, Advocate
For the	:	Mr.Ram Anurag Singh, Addl Public Prosecutor
for the informant		Mr. Ajay Kumar Gautam, Advocate

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRABHAT KUMAR SINGH
ORAL ORDER

2 12-05-2023 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the other
side.

The petitioner apprehends arrest in a case registered
for the offence punishable under sections 420/34 of the Indian
Penal Code and sections 136 and 137 of the Electricity Act.

Petitioner is the proprietor and contractor of Pragya
Laminate Company, whose employees are alleged to have fixed
resistance in the internal circuit of smart meter and thus by
tampering with the electric meter caused loss to the Company.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits
that the petitioner has been roped in this case merely because of
being proprietor of the said company and specific allegation of



tempering the smart meter is against other accused persons. No incriminating material has been recovered from the possession of the petitioner. Petitioner claims clean antecedent.

Learned counsel for the State as well as the informant oppose the prayer for bail. They submit that the petitioner is the proprietor of the company, whose employees are alleged to have fixed resistance in the internal circuit of smart meter, as such, he cannot escape responsibility.

Considering the aforesaid facts of the case, prayer for bail of the petitioner is allowed. In the event of arrest/surrender within six weeks from today, let the petitioner, mentioned above, be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the Special Judge Electricity, Magadh Area, Gaya in Nawada Town Police Station Case No. 1198 of 2022, subject to the conditions laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(Prabhat Kumar Singh, J)

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