

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.15541 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-361 Year-2020 Thana- KATIHAR NAGAR District- Katihar

AMAN KUMAR @ CHHOTU MANDAL @ AMAN KUMAR MANDAL
S/O LATE YUGAL KISHOR MANDAL Resident of Village- Naya Tola,
Durgamandir, P.S.- Katihar Nagar, District- Katihar.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms. Asha Devi, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PURNENDU SINGH
ORAL ORDER

3 12-04-2023 Heard Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, learned Counsel for

the petitioner and Ms. Asha Devi, learned Additional Public

Prosecutor for the State.

The petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with

Katihar Nagar Police Station Case No. 361 of 2020, for the

offences punishable under Section 30(a) of the Bihar Prohibition

and Excise Act.

The allegation is recovery of 124 litres of foreign

liquor and 63 litres of country made liquor from a room of the

lodge.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the

petitioner was employe of the lodge where illicit liquor were

seised but he has no concern with the seized liquor. He is not



involved in illegal trade or smuggling of liquor which is prohibited. No progress has taken place in conduct of trial.

Considering the fact that the petitioner is habitual offender, it would be not in the interest of the society to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Therefore, the prayer for bail stands rejected.

However, the trial Court is directed to conclude the trial expeditiously. In case the prosecution witnesses do not turn up on the date fixed for conduct of trial, the Court below is required to inform the Superintendent of Police concerned, who will ensure production of all the prosecution witnesses within a period of three months.

With the above observation, the present bail application stands disposed of.

(Purnendu Singh, J)

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