

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.24777 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-202 Year-2021 Thana- PIRPAINTI District- Bhagalpur

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RANJIT SAH S/O MURLIDHAR SAH R/O Village- Telaunda Ekchhari, P.S-
Sanokhar, Distt.- Bhagalpur. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ambrish Kumar Jha
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Parmeshwar Mehta

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL KUMAR PANWAR
ORAL ORDER

2 22-05-2023 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

The petitioner has prayed for bail in a case registered
for the offence punishable under section 7 of the Essential
Commodities Act.

As per allegation in the FIR, 39.70 quintal of rice was
recovered from a pickup van bearing registration no.
BR10GB2234 and petitioner is owner of the said vehicle. It is
further alleged that apprehended accused persons could not
show the valid papers regarding transportation of the alleged
grains. There is suspicion that someone has intentionally
removed the mark and seal from the sack for the purpose of
black marketing.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner
that petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case. Petitioner



is registered owner of this commercial vehicle and he has no concern with the seized food grains. No one is the claimant of the alleged recovered rice. Neither the petitioner nor any of his family members is a PDS dealer so there is no question of black marketing. Similarly situated other accused person has already been enlarged on bail by another coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 26.7.2022 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 22316 of 2022. Petitioner is languishing in judicial custody since 30.11.2022.

The application for bail is opposed by learned APP for the State.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. The above named petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. ten thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned SDJM, Bhagalpur in connection with Pirpainty P.S. Case No. 202 of 2021.

(Sunil Kumar Panwar, J)

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