

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.48897 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-58 Year-2020 Thana- INDUSTRIAL District- Bhagalpur

PANKAJ KUMAR @ PANKAJ MANDAL S/O LAKSHMAN MANDAL
R/O VILLAGE- NAWABGANJ BASA TOLA, PS. KURSELA,
DIST.KATIHAR

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Rajesh Kumar Pandey

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Umanath Mishra

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR SINHA
ORAL ORDER

3 25-08-2023 Heard Mr. Rajesh Kumar Pandey, learned counsel for
the petitioner and Mr. Umanath Mishra, learned Additional
Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. Petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with
NDPS Case No. 19/2020 arising out of Industrial PS Case No.
58/2020 dated 27.06.2020 registered for the offence punishable
under Sections 20/22 of NDPS Act.

3. This is the third attempt on behalf of the petitioner
for grant of bail inasmuch as earlier on two occasions prayer for
bail of the petitioner was rejected by this Court on 25.03.2021 in
Cr. Misc. No. 4819/2021 and thereafter on 22.12.2021 *vide* Cr.
Misc. No. 70730/2021.

4. This Court *vide* order dated 26.07.2023 called for



a report from the learned 12th Additional Sessions Judge, Bhagalpur, pursuant thereof, a report *vide* letter no. 119/ dated 04.08.2023 has been received wherein the learned Additional Sessions Judge has stated that the case is on the stage of evidence, charge has been framed, out of nine charge-sheet witnesses, six witnesses have been examined. It is further stated that only three witnesses are to be examined including IO and approximately, six months time is likely to be consumed for completion of the trial.

5. Regards being had to the submissions made by the parties, taking into consideration the report of the learned Additional Sessions Judge, I am not inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner at this stage. The same is, hereby, dismissed.

6. However, the petitioner will be at liberty to renew his prayer for bail after six months.

(Anil Kumar Sinha, J)

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