

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.66791 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-13 Year-2018 Thana- ECONOMIC OFFENCES, BIHAR
District- Patna

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RAVI KUMAR SON OF LATE YAMUNA PRASAD R/O VILLAGE-
ALIPUR, P.S.- MUFASSIL, DISTRICT- BHOJPUR (ARRAH)

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE STATE OF BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Dayanand Singh

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Raj Kishor Singh

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR SINHA
ORAL ORDER

4 01-02-2023 Heard learned Counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

The petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with
Economic Offences Police Station Case No. 13 of 2018 (Special
Case No. 114 of 2018), registered for the offences punishable
under Sections 8/20 (b) (ii) (c)/25/29 of the Narcotic Drugs and
Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

This is the second attempt on behalf of the petitioner
for grant of regular bail. Earlier, the prayer for regular bail of the
petitioner was rejected by this Court, vide order, dated
21.06.2021, passed in Criminal Misc. No. 40149 of 2020.

This Court, vide order, dated 18.01.2023, had called
for a report as well as explanation from the learned Court below
regarding the stage of the case and in pursuance of the said
order, an explanation as well as report has been submitted by



learned 09th Additional Sessions Judge, Patna. The explanation submitted by learned 09th Additional Sessions Judge, Patna is accepted. So far as the stage of the trial is concerned, the learned Trial Court has informed that out of ten chargesheeted witnesses, 7/8 have been examined and the estimated time for conclusion of the trial has been given as three months.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner will be completing five years in custody on 10.10.2023. As such, this case may be kept in the month of October, 2023.

After having heard learned Counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the aforesaid submission and the report of the learned Trial Court, I am not inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner, at this stage.

This application is, accordingly, dismissed.

However, the petitioner will be at liberty to renew his prayer for bail after six months from today, if the trial is not concluded by that time.

(Anil Kumar Sinha, J.)

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