

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.73972 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-73 Year-2022 Thana- PURUSHOTTAMPUR District- West
Champaran

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MANTOSH MAHTO Son of Sri Birbal Mahto R/V- Bagahi, Lala Tola, P.S-
Jogapatti, Dist- West champaran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Umesh Chandra Verma
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Nityanand

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 10-02-2023 Heard Ld. counsel for the petitioner and Ld. APP

for the State.

The petitioner seeks bail in connection with

Purushottampur P.S. Case No. 73 of 2022, registered for

the offences punishable under Sections 272 and 273 of the

Indian Penal Code and Section 30(a) of Bihar Prohibition and

Excise Act, 2016.

As per allegation, 64.2 litres of liquor was

recovered from a motorcycle bearing Registration No. BR 22

AF 1170.

Ld. counsel for the petitioner submits that the

petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this



case. He further submits that the petitioner was not the owner of the motorcycle and thus he was not aware of the content of the materials loaded in the motorcycle. He also submits that nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. He further submits that search and seizure has not been made as per the procedure as prescribed under Section 100 Cr. P.C.

He further submits that the petitioner has been languishing in jail since 17.08.2022.

It has also been stated in paragraph no. 3 of the bail petition that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents.

It is also stated in paragraph no. 2 of the bail petition that the petitioner has not moved this Court earlier either for anticipatory bail or regular one.

However, Ld. APP for the State vehemently opposes the prayer of the petitioner for bail.

Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances, **this application is allowed**, directing the petitioner, above-named, to be enlarged on bail on his furnishing bail bonds in the sum of Rs. 10,000 /- (Ten Thousand) with two sureties



of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Ld. Exclusive Special Judge, Excise, West Champaran at Bettiah in connection with Purushottampur P.S. Case No. 73 of 2022, on the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner will make himself available for interrogation by a police officer/court as and when required.

(ii) The petitioner will undertake that investigation/trial will not hamper on account of his absence or non-cooperation. He must be available to the police or the court whenever his presence is required.

(iii) The petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the court or to any police officer.

(iv) In case, it is brought to the notice of the court below that the petitioner has any criminal antecedents, Ld. court below shall cancel the bail bonds of the petitioner after hearing him and getting satisfied that the petitioner has concealed his criminal antecedents despite his knowledge of



the same.

(v) In case, it is brought to the notice of the court below that statement regarding previous bail petition is wrong, Ld. court below shall cancel the bail bonds of the petitioner.

(vi) In case, the petitioner repeats offence of similar nature after enlargement on bail, his bail-bond will be cancelled by the court below.

Ld. counsel for the petitioner is directed to remove all the defects, if any, pointed out by the office within a period of one month and the Registry is directed to issue the certified copy of this order only after removal of office objections.

(Jitendra Kumar, J)

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