

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.36476 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-14 Year-2023 Thana- RATANPUR District- Supaul

Ranjeet Kumar Mukhiya @ Ranjeet Mukhiya S/o- Niranjan Mukhiya R/o-
Bhim Nagar W.No-4, Ps- Birpur Dist- Supaul

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Shailendra Kumar Singh

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Chandra Bhushan Prasad

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SATYAVRAT VERMA
ORAL ORDER

- 2 20-09-2024 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
learned A.P.P. for the State.
2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Ratanpura P.S. Case No. 14 of 2023 registered for the offences
punishable under Sections 8, 20(b)(ii)(c), 22(c) and 29 of the
NDPS Act.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has antecedent of four cases and allegation is of
recovery of 238 kg of *ganja* from the apprehended accused.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner was not arrested from the spot as such nothing was
recovered from his conscious possession and he came to be
implicated based on confessional statement of co-accused in
police custody which does not have any evidentiary value. It is
also submitted that petitioner is in custody since 29.07.2023.
5. The learned counsel for the petitioner fairly



submits that charges have been framed, trial has commenced and out of five witnesses, three prosecution witnesses have already been examined.

6. Learned A.P.P. for the State, Mr. Chandra Bhushan Prasad, opposes the prayer for regular bail of the petitioner and submits that no doubt petitioner was not apprehended from the spot, but then his name transpired in the confessional statement of co-accused and the recovery of narcotics is of commercial quantity. It is also submitted that since trial has commenced and out of five witnesses, three prosecution witnesses have been examined, as such, if privilege of regular bail is granted to the petitioner, the petitioner may abscond as he has antecedent of four cases even.

7. Considering the submissions made by the learned APP for the State, the Court is not inclined to extend the privilege of regular bail to the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, the instant regular bail application stands rejected.

(Satyavrat Verma, J)

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