

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.42346 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-113 Year-2024 Thana- JOKIHAT District- Araria

Mohammad Jahangir S/o Late Jiyauddin village islam nagar ward no 27 p.s
and district araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Ms. Vaishnavi Singh, Adv.
Mr. Ajay Kumar Thakur, Adv.
Mr. Ritwik Thakur, Adv.
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Ram Sumiran Rai, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA PRAKASH
SINGH**

ORAL ORDER

4 04-12-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner has preferred this application for grant of regular bail in connection with Jokihat (Mahalgaon) P.S. Case No. 113 of 2024 dated 24.03.2024 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 21(c) and 22(c) of Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

3. As per the prosecution case, total 60 litres of codeine phosphate cough syrup was recovered from the Bolero vehicle in which the co-accused Md. Shakil and Md. Nihal were found sitting and 90 litres of codeine phosphate cough syrup eskuf was recovered from the Maruti Suzuki in which the



petitioner and the co-accused, Md. Shamsher were found sitting and they were apprehended by the police.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The seized contraband article is not commercial quantity. Nothing has been recovered from the conscious possession of the petitioner. Learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with alleged recovery. The petitioner has four criminal antecedents in which he is on bail as stated in para 3 of the bail petition. The petitioner is in custody since 25.03.2024. Earlier the regular bail of the co-accused, Md. Shamsher has been rejected by this Court vide order dated 13.08.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 52056 of 2024.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has opposed the bail petition of the petitioner. It is further stated that the seized contraband is commercial quantity i.e. 150 litres of codeine rich syrup. It is further stated that the petitioner had no any valid authorization for keeping the said contraband. Learned APP for the State has further submitted that the co-accused persons were found sitting in the said Bolero car from which 60 litres of codeine cough syrup was recovered and 90 litres of codeine rich



syrup was recovered from the Maruti Suzuki Car in which the petitioner and the co-accused Md. Shamsheer were sitting. The said Maruti Car was found to be in possession of the petitioner and Md. Shamsheer.

6. As per Section 37 of the N.D.P.S. Act, the two conditions are that the Court should be satisfied with:-

(i) There are reasonable grounds for believing that the accused is not guilty of such offence; and

(ii) He is not likely to commit any offence while on bail.

7. If either of these two conditions is not satisfied, the bar operates and the accused cannot be released on bail. The Court is of the opinion that the parameters of bail available under Section 37 of the Act have not been satisfied in the facts of the instant case. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***Narcotics Control Bureau vs. Mohit Aggarwal 2022 SCC Online SC 891*** has held that “*The length of the period of his custody or the fact that the charge-sheet has been filed and the trial has commenced are by themselves not considerations that can be treated as persuasive grounds for granting relief to the respondent under Section 37 of the N.D.P.S. Act.*”

8. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances



of the case as well as the recovery of commercial quantity from the conscious possession of the petitioner, I am not inclined to enlarge the petitioner above-named on bail.

9. The application stands rejected.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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