

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.58277 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-157 Year-2024 Thana- BARHARA District- Bhojpur

Chitranjan Kumar @ Chitranjan Rai Son of Ram Balak Ray R/O Vill.-
Nonadih, P.s.- Sikrahatta, Dist.- Bhojpur

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar Patna

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Ranjan Kumar Jha, Adv.

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Mohammed Arif, APP

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

ORAL ORDER

2 04-10-2024 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2. The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in a case in connection with Barahara P.S. Case No. 157 of 2024 dated 08.04.2024 registered for the offences punishable u/ss 420, 467, 468, 471, 384 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. As per the prosecution case, on secret information, one person in the police uniform and two persons in civil dress are checking the sand related chalan from the truck's driver at Kolharampur petrol pump then the informant along with others proceeded for verification and taking action in this regard. When the informant reached near Kolharampur petrol pump, he saw that one person in Bihar police officer's uniform was



checking the paper of the truck. On seeing the police party, two persons in civil dress managed to escape from there and on being asked by the informant, the person in police uniform disclosed his name as Abhinay Kumar who subsequently disclosed that he is Sub Inspector in CBI and when the informant asked him tightly then he disclosed that the real fact he was not posted anywhere as Daroga and further disclosed that his boss Chittranjan Roy (petitioner) who is the Chief Editor of Belagam Bharat on whose direction he along with his two associates used to do this act and used to earn money. On search, Rs. 1700/-, Aadhar Card, vehicle's ownerbook, PAN card and two mobile were recovered from the possession of the co-accused, Abhinay Kumar.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case. The petitioner was not apprehended on the spot. The petitioner is the Chief Editor of the channel Belagam Bharat and his channel broadcasts the news against the Sand Mafiyas, Mining officials and the police personnel due to this reason, he has been made accused in this case. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no concern with the alleged offence. The co-accused person has already been granted regular bail by this



court vide order dated 12.08.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 51200 of 2024. The petitioner has clean antecedent as stated in para 3 of the bail petition.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the anticipatory bail petition of the petitioner.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, let the above named petitioner, in the event of his arrest/surrender within a period of six weeks from today, be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail-bond of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned court concerned, learned Court concerned, Bhojpur at Ara in connection with Barahara P.S. Case No. 157 of 2024, subject to conditions as laid down under section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

7. The application stands allowed.

(Chandra Prakash Singh, J)

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