

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA**  
**CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No 80323 of 2023**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-2 Year-2020 Thana- GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMP.  
District- Begusarai

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SANTOSH RAI @ SANTOSH RAY, aged about 49 years (Male), Son of  
Ramchandra Ray, Resident of Village – Mehan, PS – Dandari, District -  
Begusarai

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

THE UNION OF INDIA THROUGH NARCOTIC CONTROL BUREAU,  
BIHAR

... .. Opposite Party/s

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**Appearance :**

For the Petitioner/s : Mr Arbind Kumar Singh, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Ms Shail Kumari, ASG

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE RAMESH CHAND  
MALVIYA**

**ORAL ORDER**

**3     29-02-2024**                      Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the  
parties.

**2** The petitioner seeks bail in connection with NCB  
Case No NCB/PZU/V/02/2020, NDPS Case No 7 of 2020 dated  
05.02.2020 registered for the offence punishable under Sections  
8 (C), 20 (B), II (C) and 29 of NDPS Act.

**3** From perusal of the First Information Report, it  
appears that this is the third attempt of the petitioner for grant of  
bail. On previous occasions, three successive bail petitions  
have been rejected by this Court. Perusal of the bail petition  
and report of trial Court bearing Letter No 1 dated 02.01.2024, it  
appears that learned trial Court has requested this Court giving



three months time for concluding the trial.

4 In these circumstances, I am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage. Accordingly, this bail petition is rejected.

5 However, learned trial Court is directed to conclude the trial within three months of receiving a copy of this order on petitioner’s cooperating with the trial Court.

6 If the trial is not concluded within the aforesaid period of three months with cooperation of the petitioner, the petitioner may renew the prayer for bail before the trial Court and the trial Court shall grant bail to the petitioner.

(Ramesh Chand Malviya, J)

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