

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.86514 of 2023

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-171 Year-2021 Thana- DARBHANGA SADAR District-
Darbhanga

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Ranjeet Lal Deo, son of Dineshwar Lal Deo, R/o Village Panta, P. S. Sadar
Sonaki O.P., District- Darbhanga

... .. Petitioner

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The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, Sr. Advocate
	:	Mr. Manish Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Informant	:	Mr. Vinay Kumar Mishra, Advocate
For the Opposite Party	:	Mr. Dr. Mrityunjaya Kr Gautam, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RAJEEV RANJAN PRASAD
ORAL ORDER

2 20-07-2024 Heard Mr. Rajesh Kumar Singh, learned senior

counsel for the petitioner, learned counsel for the informant and

learned APP for the State.

2. This is the third attempt of the petitioner to obtain

bail in connection with Sadar Sonaki O.P. P.S. Case No.171 of

2021 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 341,

324 and 307/34 of the Indian Penal Code. Later on, Section 302

of the Indian Penal Code was also added.

3. From the observations of this Court in its last order

dated 10.05.2023 passed in Criminal Misc. No. 41568 of 2022,

it would appear that there was a direction to the learned trial

court to expedite the trial by keeping the records on shorter

dates and all endeavours be made to conclude it as early as

possible preferably within a period of six months. This Court was given to understand that the trial had already begun and some of the prosecution witnesses have been examined.

4. In course of hearing today, learned senior counsel for the petitioner is unable to say as to how many witnesses have already been examined and what is the stage of the trial, learned counsel for the informant submits that about three months back he had been informed by the informant that only two prosecution witnesses had remained to be examined.

5. Learned APP for the State submits that, at this stage, when most of the prosecution witnesses have already deposed and those materials are not before this Court, the better approach would be to grant liberty to the petitioner to seek his remedy in the court below itself where all the materials are available.

6. Having regard to the aforementioned submissions, in absence of any information with regard to the stage of the trial and on finding that about three months back only two witnesses had remained to be examined, this Court is of the considered opinion that instead of entertaining the present application, it would be appropriate to grant liberty to the petitioner to make an application for bail in the court below

itself, if there is any likelihood of inordinate delay in conclusion of trial. All contentions are left open to the parties.

7. This application stands disposed of accordingly.

(Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, J)

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