

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.1824 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-442 Year-2024 Thana- RANIGANJ District- Araria

Rakesh kumar Manjhi @ Rakesh Manjhi S/o- Deepak Manjhi R/o-Raniganj
nagar Panchayat ward no 14, PS-Raniganj, Distt-Araria

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. N.K. Agrawal, Sr. Advocate
		Mr. Arvind Kumar, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s :		Mr. Rabindra Kumar, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE RUDRA PRAKASH
MISHRA**

ORAL ORDER

2 22-01-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with
Raniganj P.S. Case No. 442 of 2024, instituted for the offences
punishable under Section 21(b) of the NDPS Act.

3. Prosecution allegation, in short, is that there is
recovery of total 90.5 gram of smack from the shop and house
of the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the
petitioner is innocent and has falsely been implicated in the
present case. No incriminating material has been recovered from
the conscious possession of the petitioner. Learned counsel for
the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has got no



concern with the alleged recovery of smack. The recovered contraband is below the commercial quantity. Hence, Section 37 of the N.D.P.S. Act is not applicable in the present case. The petitioner is in custody since 02.10.2024 and has got no criminal antecedent. There is no compliance of Sections 42 and 50 of the N.D.P.S. Act.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of bail to the petitioner.

6. Considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, the recovered contraband being below the commercial quantity and the period of custody undergone by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Let the petitioner be released on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of Court below/concerned Court in connection with Raniganj P.S. Case No. 442 of 2024.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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