

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.23761 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-31 Year-2024 Thana- DHANGAI District- Gaya

Ramdev Manjhi Son of Keshar Manjhi Resident of Village - Chando, P.S.-
Dhangai, District - Gaya.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Gajendra Kumar Singh, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Chandra Sen Prasad Singh, A.P.P.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK KUMAR SINHA
ORAL ORDER

2 05-05-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned
A.P.P. for the State .

2. Petitioner apprehends his arrest in a case registered
for the offence punishable under Sections 8, 15, 18(c) and 25 of
the NDPS Act.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner is a person with clean antecedent and the informant
alleges that opium was found planted on 1.23 acres of protected
forest land which was destroyed.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
petitioner has been falsely implicated in the instant case by the
informant with an allegation that the villagers disclosed the
name of the petitioner and other accused who were involved in
plantation of opium on the forest land. The learned counsel for



the petitioner submits that Forest Department has its own team which inspects the forest periodically and, as such, it does not appear probable that petitioner along with other on such huge tract of land would have planted opium and the same would not have come to the notice of the forest authorities. It is further submitted that it may be a ploy of the informant to falsely implicate the petitioner with a view to save the forest officials. It is next submitted that petitioner will not abscond rather will cooperate in the investigation to prove his innocence. Learned counsel for the petitioner particularly emphasizes the fact that the other accused person namely Arjun Paswan has already been granted the privilege of anticipatory bail by order dated 05.02.2025 passed in Criminal Misc. No. 1430 of 2025. Hence, the petitioner also deserves the privilege of anticipatory bail.

5. Learned A.P.P. for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner in the event of his arrest or surrender within four weeks from today, let the petitioner, as named above, be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/-(Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Sessions



Judge-cum-Special Judge, NDPS Act, Gaya in connection with
Dhangai P.S. Case No. 31 of 2024, subject to the conditions
laid down under section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik
Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 .

(Alok Kumar Sinha, J)

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