

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.68625 of 2024**

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-391 Year-2016 Thana- KATIHAR NAGAR District- Katihar

Manjit Mandal @ Umanath Mandal Son Of Late Hardev Mandal Resident Of
Tingachhia, P.S. - Town Katihar, District – Katihar

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Rabindra Kumar, APP

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR PANDEY
ORAL ORDER**

4 25-02-2025 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.
Rabindra Kumar, learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner has prayed for regular bail in a case registered for the offence punishable under Sections 395, 412, 120(B) of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 25(1-b), 5/27 of the Arms Act & 3/4 of the Explosive Substance Act.

3. The case of the prosecution is that eight unknown miscreants have entered in the shop of the informant and looted valuables worth Rs. 1,12,50,000/- from the shop of the informant. The FIR was lodged against unknown miscreants.



4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has committed no offence. He has falsely been implicated in this case. It is further submitted that the petitioner is languishing in judicial custody since 24.05.2017.

5. Learned APP appearing for the state has opposed the prayer of regular bail and submits that the petitioner is having criminal antecedent of 14 cases. It is also submitted that during investigation, one Devan Sah was apprehended and on the basis of his confessional statement, this petitioner has been apprehended. From perusal of the case diary, it also transpires that the petitioner was identified in CCTV footage as well.

6. The stage of trial has also been called for from the trial court, which goes to show that the trial will be concluded within a period of nine months to one year as prosecution has prayed to examine the witnesses of supplementary charge-sheet.

7. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail at this stage, accordingly bail application is hereby rejected.

8. The trial court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same within a period of six months. The petitioner



will be at liberty to renew his prayer for bail after six months if
the trial is not concluded.

(Ashok Kumar Pandey, J)

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