

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.67627 of 2024

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-112 Year-2023 Thana- BIHARIGANJ District- Madhepura

Navin Mandal @ Ashik Raj S/o Nawal Kishore Mandal @ Rajeev Mandal @
Rajeev Ranjan Mandal R/o Village- Sarauni Kala, Ward No.02, P.S.-
Bihariganj, District- Madhepura

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Alok Kumar Singh, Adv.
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Pronoti Singh, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DR. ANSHUMAN
ORAL ORDER

3 17-01-2025 Heard learned senior counsel for the petitioner and
learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with
Bihariganj P.S. Case No. 112 of 2023 dated 10.05.2023, lodged
under Sections 25(1-AA), 25(1-b)a and 26 of the Arms Act read
with Sections 8(c) and 21(b) of the NDPS Act.

3. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits
that the bail application of the petitioner has earlier been
rejected vide order dated 29.02.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No.
68886 of 2023 in which liberty was granted to him to renew his
prayer for bail nine months after framing of charge. He submits
that nine months have already been lapsed but till date, trial has
not been concluded and the petitioner is in custody since
11.05.2023, as such, he may be granted bail.

4. Learned A.P.P. for the State on the other hand opposes the prayer for bail and submits that vide order dated 14.11.2024, progress report has been called for. From the report, it transpires to this Court that out of 6 witnesses, 5 witnesses have already been examined and only one witness is yet to be examined.

5. In the present facts and circumstances of this case and the submissions made above, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at present, therefore, his bail petition is hereby rejected.

6. The Trial Court is directed to expedite the trial within three months.

(Dr. Anshuman, J)

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