

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.21709 of 2026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-207 Year-2024 Thana- AMAS District- Gaya

Pradeep Kumar Chaudhary @ Pradeep Kumar S/o Mr. Jeha Ram R/o Village-
Khariya Khurd, PS- Rageshwari Gas Terminal Nagar, Dist.- Barmer,
Rajasthan

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Harsh Vardhan, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Dr.Mrityunjaya Kr.Gautam, A.P.P.

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

ORAL ORDER

3 15-05-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP
for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Amas P.S.
Case No. 207 of 2024, instituted for the offences under Sections
8, 17(C) and 18(C) of the N.D.P.S. Act.

3. Earlier, vide order dated 17.09.2025 passed in Cr.
Misc. No. 65862 of 2025, regular bail of the petitioner was
rejected by this Court considering the recovery of contraband
beyond commercial quantity with direction to the learned Court
below to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously.

4. In compliance of the order dated 03.04.2026, a report
dated 24.04.2026 with regard to the present stage of trial has
been received. From perusal of the aforesaid report, it appears
that out of six witnesses, two witnesses have been examined. It



is further reported that if the prosecution co-operates, the trial of the case would be completed within six months.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is languishing in judicial custody since 09.07.2024 without any rhymes or reason.

6. Learned APP for the State opposes the prayer for grant of bail.

7. There is no fresh ground to consider the bail petition of the petitioner.

8. In view of the above, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is again rejected with a direction to the court below to expedite the trial and conclude the same expeditiously preferably within a period of five months from today. If the trial is not concluded within the period of five months, as stated above, the petitioner will be at liberty to renew his prayer before the court below.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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