

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.61937 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-18 Year-2022 Thana- D.R.I District- Muzaffarpur

Rahul Kumar Sahni S/o Dhaneshwar Sahni Resident of Village- Jagdishpur,
PS- Dariyapur, Distt.- Saran

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar
2. Union of India through Directorate of Revenue intelligence, Regional unit
Patna Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Dr. Bipin Chandra,Adv.
For the Opposite Party/s	:	Mr.Zainul Abedin, APP
For the DRI	:	Mr. Anshuman Singh, Adv.

CORAM: HONOURABLE JUSTICE SMT. SONI SHRIVASTAVA
ORAL ORDER

5 20-02-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned
APP for the State and learned counsel for the DRI.

2. The petitioner has renewed his prayer for bail in connection with NDPS Case No.53 of 2023 arising out of DRI Case no.18 of 2022-23 registered under sections 8C, 20B, 25 and 29 of NDPS, Act.

3. There is recovery of a total of 283.10 Kgs. of *ganja* from a truck bearing WB39C1207.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that earlier the prayer for bail has been rejected twice vide orders dated 02.08.2023 and 19.09.2024 in Cr. Misc. Nos. 46416 of 2023 and 30030 of 2024 respectively. The matter concerns recovery of 283.310 Kgs. of *ganja*, which is commercial quantity. The petitioner has remained in custody since 31.10.2022 and despite direction of expeditious trial given in



order dated 02.08.2023 till date the trial has not concluded. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent and undertakes to cooperate in the case/trial.

5. The application for bail is opposed by learned counsel for the DRI on the ground that trial has proceeded and is reaching almost at end.

6. A report called from the learned trial Court indicates that four out of six prosecution witnesses have been examined and two witnesses remain to be examined.

7. Upon consideration of facts and circumstances of the case, coupled with recovery of commercial quantity of *ganja* and advanced stage of case, I am not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner. The prayer is thus rejected.

8. However, taking into consideration that in an NDPS case, the witnesses are mostly officials and only two remain to be examined, the learned trial Court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within a period of 3 months of receipt of a copy of this order.

(Soni Shrivastava, J)

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