IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.76366 of 2026

CNR No. BRHC011087192026

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-257 Year-2022 Thana- BELA District- Sitamarhi

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Mithilesh Mandal @ Jayalal Mandal @ Jayala, Son of Late Dukha Mandal, Resident of Village- Majhaura tola, P.S.- Bela, District- Sitamarhi.

... ... Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... ... Opposite Party/s

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Appearance :
For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Dwij Raj, Advocate
For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Nand Kumar, APP

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK KUMAR

ORAL ORDER

2 28-10-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Bela P.S. Case No. 257 of 2022, instituted for the offences under Sections 399, 402 of the IPC and Sections 25(1-b)a, 26 and 35 of the Arms Act and Sections 8, 20(b)(ii)(c) and 22 of the NDPS Act.

3. Earlier the application for regular bail of the petitioner was rejected vide order dated 29.11.2024 passed in Cr. Misc. No. 58771 of 2024.

4. The prosecution story, in brief, is that the police official received a secret information that 40 to 45 miscreants had assembled to plan a dacoity. It is alleged that during the

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police raid, three individuals were apprehended at the scene while most of the others managed to flee. It is further alleged that the police allegedly recovered 1 kg of Charas like narcotic substance each from the possession of the petitioner (Mithlesh Mandal @ Jayla Mandal) and co-accused Mukesh Kumar Paswan. It is also alleged that a country-made pistol was also recovered from the possession of co-accused Rakesh Kumar.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner is in custody since 13.10.2022 and there is no progress in trial. Accordingly, he prayed that the petitioner may be granted regular bail.

5. Learned APP appearing for the State has opposed the prayer of regular bail of the petitioner and submits that the instant petition has been rejected earlier on merit and there is no fresh ground made out for reconsideration of the bail application of the petitioner.

6. Having heard the parties and taking into consideration the criminal antecedents and no fresh ground made out for granting bail to the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant the privilege of regular bail to the petitioner and, as such, his prayer for bail is rejected.

7. The learned trial court is directed to expedite the

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trial and conclude the same, preferably, within a period of six months.

(Alok Kumar, J)

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