

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.89887 of 2025

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-333 Year-2023 Thana- BATHNAHA District- Sitamarhi

Chintu Kumar Son of Ashok Mahto Resident of Village - Mahuawa, Ward
No.- 12, P.S.- Pipra, District - Motihari (East Champaran), Bihar - 845416.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

The State of Bihar

... .. Opposite Party/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s : Mr.Mohd Rustam Hussain, Advocate

For the Opposite Party/s : Mr.Raj Ballabh Singh, A.P.P.

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

ORAL ORDER

3 11-03-2026 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP
for the State.

2. The petitioner seeks bail in connection with Bathnaha
P.S. Case No. 333 of 2023 instituted for the offences under
Sections 8/20(ii)(c), 22(c) of the N.D.P.S. Act.

3. Earlier, on two occasions, vide order dated 08.05.2024
passed in Cr. Misc. No. 83412 of 2023 and order dated
04.07.2025 passed in Criminal Miscellaneous No. 23351 of
2025, regular bail of the petitioner was rejected by this Court.

4. In compliance of the order dated 16.01.2026, a report
dated 22.01.2026 with regard to the present stage of trial has
been received. From perusal of the aforesaid report, it appears
that Charge has been framed on 17.01.2026, the record is
running for prosecution evidence, summons have been issued



against the seven witnesses. It is further reported that expected period for the completion of the trial is twelve months.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is languishing in judicial custody since 08.08.2023 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.

(Rudra Prakash Mishra, J)

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