IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS No.1248 of 2022

Arising Out of PS. Case No.-117 Year-2020 Thana- KOPA District- Saran

Pavikanti Mahta @ Pavikant Mahta San Of Narash Mahta @ Pam Nara

Ravikanti Mahto @ Ravikant Mahto Son Of Naresh Mahto @ Ram Naresh Maurya R/O Village- Basdila, P.S.- Kopa, Dist.- Saran (Chapra)

... Petitioner/s

Versus

- 1. The State Of Bihar
- 2. Kajal Kumari, D/O Santosh Mahato, resident of village-Basdila, P.S. Kopa, District-Saran (Chapra).

... ... Opposite Party/s

Appearance:

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For the Petitioner/s : Mr. Brij Kishor Mishra, Advocate For the Opposite Party/s : Mr. Veena Kumari Jaiswal, APP

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SHAILENDRA SINGH ORAL ORDER

27-02-2023 Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned counsel for the Informant and the learned APP for the State.

Petitioner seeks regular bail in connection with Kopa P.S. Case No.117 of 2020 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 341, 323, 376, 511 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, Sections 8 and 10 of the POCSO Act and Section 66 of the Information Technology Act.

As per the prosecution, the informant (victim) alleged that this petitioner and co-accused Mani Kumar tried to commit rape on the victim and clicked a video of the alleged incident, thereafter the alleged video was uploaded on the internet and upon protest the informant's family was abused and assaulted by this petitioner and his accomplices.



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The main submissions advanced by the learned counsel for the petitioner are that the petitioner has been languishing in jail since 06.06.2020 and the victim has been examined in the petitioner's trial and she made contradictory statements regarding the videography of the alleged incident and the instant matter relates to attempt to rape.

The prayer for bail made by the petitioner's counsel has been vehemently opposed by the learned counsel for the Informant and it is submitted by him that the trial of the petitioner is at advance stage and in the present time petitioner's case is running for arguments of defence.

Considering the nature of allegation appearing against the petitioner and mainly the stage of his trial as revealed by learned counsel for the Informant, it will not be proper to enlarge this petitioner on bail at this stage. Accordingly, his bail prayer stands rejected.

The trial Court is directed to conclude the petitioner's trial in the next one month.

(Shailendra Singh, J)

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