



ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.12

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No(s). 3773/2024

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 02-08-2023 in CRADB No. 1080/2019 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

SURAJ SAO @ RUKHI SAO

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 58613/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 05-03-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHANSHU DHULIA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Abhik Kumar, Adv.
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

The petitioner is an accused in a case punishable under Sections 8-20(b)(ii)(C) of the NDPS Act and has been convicted for 14 years rigorous imprisonment by the trial court. The conviction and sentence of the petitioner has been upheld by the High Court vide impugned order dated 02.08.2023. The allegation against the petitioner is that 898 kgs of Ganja had been recovered from this possession.

The petitioner has already undergone about 7 ½ years in jail and there is a question of law involved here relating to Section 52A of the NDPS Act. Considering the period of incarceration of the petitioner and the entire facts and circumstances of this case, we are of the opinion that a case of bail is made out for the petitioner and therefore, the prayer for bail is allowed.

Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail forthwith on the usual terms and conditions to be decided by the concerned Court.

List the Special Leave Petition for hearing on 07.04.2025.

(JAYANT KUMAR ARORA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(RENU BALA GAMBHIR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR