

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.2553 OF 2023

PRINCE RAJ

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF BIHAR & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The respondent no.2 approached the High Court of Judicature at Patna seeking anticipatory bail in an F.I.R. lodged by the appellant.
3. The High Court *vide* order dated 20.09.2022, impugned in this appeal, granted protection subject to deposit of the amount of Rs.85,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Only). The first amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) was to be deposited at the time of furnishing bail bond and the remaining amount of Rs.80,00,000/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Only) was to be paid by respondent no.2 within 15 monthly instalments.
4. The grievance of the appellant is that the High Court having directed respondent no.2 to

make the deposit is in effect prejudicing the right of the appellant in a suit for specific performance pending before the Civil Court.

5. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, we are, *prima facie*, of the view that the dispute is civil in nature and, as such, the High Court has rightly granted protection to respondent no.2.

6. Since the appellant himself has expressed that the condition of deposit is prejudicing his right, we accordingly set aside the condition of deposit. However, the relief of interim protection granted by the High Court to respondent no.2 shall remain as it is. The impugned order passed by the High Court stands modified to the above extent.

7. Criminal Appeal and pending applications stands disposed of.

....., J.
(VIKRAM NATH)

....., J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

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(SANDEEP MEHTA)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 07, 2025.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Criminal Appeal and pending applications stands
disposed of in terms of the signed order.

(NEETU KHAJURIA)
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Civil Appeal and pending applications stands
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