Divyas Bardewa vs Narcotics Control Bureau on 1 May, 2023

Bench: A.S. Bopanna, Hima Kohli

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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)

No(s).

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-06-2022 in CRLRP No. 368/2022 passed by the High Court Of Delhi At New Delhi)

DIVYAS BARDEWA

VERSUS

NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU

(IA No. 41799/2023 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION AND IA No. 52371/2023-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date: 01-05-2023 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM:

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following $$\rm 0\ R\ D\ E\ R$$

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as also the learned ASG for the respondent and perused the petition papers.

The primary question sought to be urged in the instant petition is with regard to the petitioner having acquired a right to seek for statutory bail, since the charge-sheet filed is without the FSL report.

That aspect of the matter, at this juncture, need not be gone into, since the said issue is pending consideration in a batch of petitions which would take sometime for hearing and this petition is also to be considered along with those petitions. For the present, we note, that even in the other pending cases before this Court, in SLP(Crl) Nos. 8164-8166/2021 and other similar petitions, without reference to the statutory bail, taking note that the petitioners have been in custody for sometime and the trial would take some more time to conclude, we had directed grant of bail to the petitioners.

In that view, in the instant case also, we direct that the petitioner be released on bail subject to the petitioner diligently participating in the trial. All contentions are however, left open to be considered with regard to the issue relating to the default bail.

List the instant petition along with the other connected petitions in their usual course.

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