Subhabrata Roy @ Bapi Roy @ Roy Bapi vs The State Of West Bengal on 18 July, 2023

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Bench: B.V. Nagarathna

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2023 (@ Special Leave Petition (Crl.) No.4637/2023)

SUBHABRATA ROY @ BAPI ROY @ ROY BAPI

...APPELLANT

VERSUS

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL

.... RESPONDEN

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Leave granted.

The respondent/State has filed its counter affidavit and the same is taken on record.

We have heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned counsel for the State.

Learned counsel for the appellant has drawn our attention to similar orders passed by this Court and sought relief on similar terms. Per contra, learned counsel for the respondent stated that the trial is at the fag end and only one witness has to be examined and, therefore, this is not a fit case for grant of bail; also there are other cases pending against the appellant, as noted in paragraph 5 of the counter affidavit.

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Having heard learned counsel for the respective parties and on perusal of the material on record, we are inclined to follow the orders passed by this Court in Criminal Appeal No.2013 of 2022 - Sabikul

Kunahar @ Sabiku Nahar Mondal v/s. The State of West Bengal on 18.11.2022; SLP (Crl.) No.9064/2022 – Subrata Biswas @ Subra Biswas v/s. The State of West Bengal on 25.11.2022 and order passed in Criminal Appeal No.2293 of 2022 – Soni Devi v/s. The State of West Bengal on 15.12.2022.

In all the aforesaid cases, the recoveries made were in the nature of 190 bottles or 30 bottles of Phensedyl Syrup etc. This Court, considering the fact that the accused therein were in custody for quite sometime, which is also so in the instant case, bail was granted to the accused therein. We see no reason to differ from the aforesaid orders.

It is to be noted that in the present case, there was recovery of 28 bottles of 100ml each (2800ml) of Phensedyl Syrup. Considering the aforesaid orders and on the principle of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, the appellant is released on bail, subject of contd..

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course, to the conditions that may be imposed by the concerned Special Court.

The present Appeal is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN For Petitioner(s) Mr. Dibyadyuti Banerjee, Adv.

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Mr. Rohit Jaiswal, Adv.

Mr. Abhijit Sengupta, AOR Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Adv. Mr. Sermon Rawat, Adv.

Mr. Umang Gupta, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Ms. Nandini Sen Mukherjee, AOR UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following O R D E R Leave granted.

The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order and the appellant is ordered to be released on bail subject to the conditions that may be imposed by the concerned Special Court.

Pending application(s) shall stand disposed of.

(NEETU SACHDEVA) (MALEKAR NAGARAJ) ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS COURT MASTER (NSH) (signed order is placed on the file)