

Siddharth Jain vs State Of Nct Of Delhi And Anr on 27 September, 2024

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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ CRL.M.C. 545/2022 & CRL.M.A. 2391/2022
SIDDHARTH JAIN

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Through: Mr. Gautam Singhal,
(through VC)

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR.Responde
Through: Mr. Sunil Kumar Gauta
APP for the State
SI Avinash Kumar, PS-
Anand Vihar

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN
ORDER

% 27.09.2024

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner challenges the order dated 29.01.2022 (hereafter 'the impugned order'), passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge ('ASJ'), Karkardooma Courts, Delhi, pursuant to which Respondent No.2 was admitted on bail in FIR No. 577/2016 dated 16.12.2016 registered at Police Station Anand Vihar for offences under Sections 420/467/468/471/506/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC').

2. Briefly stated, the FIR in the present case was registered pursuant to direction under Section 156(3) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 ('CrPC') on the complaint of the petitioner/complainant who alleged that Respondent No.2, who was his neighbor approached him in the year 2008 and induced him to invest money in his company - M/s Chintpurni Engineering Works Pvt. Ltd. and further offered the complainant to become a partner in their upcoming project of supplying ready This is a digitally signed order.

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3. The complainant further alleged that on the representation made by the petitioner, he invested a sum of 2.72 crores in the accused company out of which 72 lakhs were remitted in the accused company's account and property worth 2 crores was mortgaged by the complainant in the Bank by depositing title deed to enable the petitioner to raise loan. It is alleged that the complainant was

induced not only invest a sum of 72 lakhs but also deposit the title deeds of his property in lieu of the credit facility availed from the bank.

4. The present petition was filed way back on 03.02.2022, challenging the order dated 29.01.2022, pursuant to which Respondent No. 2 was admitted on bail.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to the order granting bail, the report of the FSL has been obtained by the prosecution which shows that forgery was committed by the accused.

6. The learned Sessions Court granted bail to the accused, noting that the accused has been in custody since 19.11.2021 and has clean antecedents.

7. The learned ASJ relied upon the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of Sanjay Chandra v. CBI :

(2012) 1 SCC 40, holding that the purpose of bail is neither preventive nor punitive but to secure appearance of the accused at his trial. It was further noted that the dispute essentially seems to be civil in nature.

8. It is not the case of the prosecution that the petitioner/accused, pursuant to his release on bail, has misused the liberty. No allegation has been made that the accused has tampered with the evidence or tried to flee.

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9. It is trite law that an order granting bail ought not to be disturbed unless there are strong reasons to do so. The party seeking cancellation of bail must establish a compelling case and demonstrate that the said order was illegal, unjust or improper.

10. The law in relation to the setting aside or cancellation of bail is well settled. The consideration for cancellation of bail stands on different footing than grant of bail. The Hon'ble Apex Court, advertent to a catena of judgments, had discussed the grounds for cancellation of bail in exercise of jurisdiction under Section 439 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (pari materia to Section 483 (3) of the BNSS) in the case of Abdul Basit v. Mohd. Abdul Kadir Chaudhary : (2014) 10 SCC 754. The relevant portion of the judgment is reproduced hereunder:

"14. Under Chapter XXXIII, Section 439(1) empowers the High Court as well as the Court of Session to direct any accused person to be released on bail. Section 439(2) empowers the High Court to direct any person who has been released on bail under Chapter XXXIII of the Code be arrested and committed to custody i.e. the power to

cancel the bail granted to an accused person. Generally the grounds for cancellation of bail, broadly, are, (i) the accused misuses his liberty by indulging in similar criminal activity, (ii) interferes with the course of investigation, (iii) attempts to tamper with evidence or witnesses, (iv) threatens witnesses or indulges in similar activities which would hamper smooth investigation, (v) there is likelihood of his fleeing to another country, (vi) attempts to make himself scarce by going underground or becoming unavailable to the investigating agency, (vii) attempts to place himself beyond the reach of his surety, etc. These grounds are illustrative and not exhaustive....

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17. In this context, it is profitable to render reliance upon the decision of this Court in *Puran v. Rambilas* [(2001) 6 SCC 338 : 2001 SCC (Cri) 1124] . In the said case, this Court held (SCC p. 345, para 11) that the concept of setting aside an unjustified, illegal or perverse order is absolutely different from cancelling an order of bail on the ground that the accused has misconducted himself or because of some supervening circumstances warranting such cancellation. In *Narendra K. Amin v. State of Gujarat* [(2008) 13 SCC 584 : (2009) 3 SCC (Cri) 813] , the three-Judge Bench of this Court has reiterated the aforesaid principle and further This is a digitally signed order.

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19. Therefore, the concept of setting aside an unjustified, illegal or perverse order is different from the concept of cancellation of a bail on the ground of accused's misconduct or new adverse facts having surfaced after the grant of bail which require such cancellation and a perusal of the aforesaid decisions would present before us that an order granting bail can only be set aside on grounds of being illegal or contrary to law by the court superior to the court which granted the bail and not by

the same court.

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21. It is an accepted principle of law that when a matter has been finally disposed of by a court, the court is, in the absence of a direct statutory provision, functus officio and cannot entertain a fresh prayer for relief in the matter unless and until the previous order of final disposal has been set aside or modified to that extent. It is also settled law that the judgment and order granting bail cannot be reviewed by the court passing such judgment and order in the absence of any express provision in the Code for the same. Section 362 of the Code operates as a bar to any alteration or review of the cases disposed of by the court. The singular exception to the said statutory bar is correction of clerical or arithmetical error by the court."

(emphasis supplied)

11. The Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of Himanshu Sharma v. State of Madhya Pradesh : 2024 INSC 139 had held as under:

"12. Law is well settled by a catena of judgments rendered by this Court that the considerations for grant of bail and cancellation thereof are entirely different. Bail granted to an accused can only be cancelled if the Court is satisfied that after being released on bail, (a) the accused has This is a digitally signed order.

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(emphasis supplied)

12. In the present case, the chargesheet has already been filed. In the absence of there being a strong prima facie case on the conditions of the bail having been violated, it would not be appropriate to interfere in the impugned order. The petitioner had already spent about 71 days in custody. Since then, the trial has proceeded.

13. It is also to be borne in mind that at the pre-conviction stage, there is a presumption of innocence. Detention is not supposed to be punitive or preventive.

14. In view of the above, this Court does not consider it apposite to entertain the present petition.

15. The petition is, therefore, dismissed.

AMIT MAHAJAN, J SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 "SS"

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