IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI A.B.A. No. 10037 of 2022

Avinash Chandrawanshi

@ Avinash Kumar Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opp. Party

CORAM: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMBUJ NATH

For the Petitioner : Mr. Randhir Kumar, Advocate For the State : Mr. V. K. Vashistha, Spl.P.P

3/ Dated 16.12.2022

Heard the parties.

The petitioner is apprehending his arrest in connection with Jainagar P.S. Case No.240 of 2018, for the offences under Sections 153A, 295A, 505(1)(b)(c), 354A of the Indian Penal Code and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, pending in the court of learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Koderma.

It appears that on 18.09.2018, on the occasion of *Vishwakarma Puja*, disturbance was created by anti-social elements in procession near Imambara at Jainagar Chowk, due to which social harmony was disturbed. Petitioner is said to have posted objectionable messages on the Facebook.

It was submitted that similarly situated co-accused, Zarrar Khan has been granted anticipatory bail by the coordinate bench of this Court in A.B.A. No.3727 of 2022 vide order dated 20.07.2022 and case of the petitioner stands on a similar footing.

Learned Spl.P.P has opposed the prayer for bail but does not dispute the aforesaid fact.

Regard being had to the facts of the case; I am inclined to extend the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petitioner, named above, is directed to surrender in the court below within two weeks from the date of receipt / production of a copy of this order, and in the event of his surrender in the court below, he shall be enlarged on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/-(Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each, to the satisfaction of learned Sub Divisional Judicial Magistrate, Koderma. in connection with Jainagar P.S. Case No.240 of 2018, on the conditions as laid down under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(Ambuj Nath, J.)