IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI A.B.A. No.6345 of 2022

Vimal Rabidas @ Bimal Rabidas Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opp. Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHASH CHAND

For the Petitioner : Mr. Suraj Singh, Advocate For the State : Mr. S.K. Tiwari, Spl. P.P.

07/22.09.2022 Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned Spl. P.P. for the State.

This anticipatory bail application has been filed on behalf of the abovenamed applicant seeking anticipatory bail in connection with Dhanbad Cyber Crime P.S. Case No.03 of 2022 registered under Sections 201, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 read with Section 34 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 66(c) and 66(D) of the Information Technology Act pending in the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-II-cum-Special Judge (Cyber Cases & Electricity Cases), Dhanbad.

Learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that the F.I.R. of this case was lodged against four named accused and other unknown persons with the allegations that informant after having received an application, apprehended four named accused, who were found to be involved in commission of the cybercrime. It is further alleged that mobile phone, SIM cards and other incriminating articles were recovered from their possession. The apprehended accused also confessed that they were involved in commission of cybercrime.

Learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that the name of the applicant does not figure in the F.I.R. and his name transpired during investigation in confessional statement of apprehended co-accused in which they have stated that the applicant had also assisted them in committing cybercrime. It is further submitted that the applicant is having no criminal antecedent and he is not to flee away from justice. He has been implicated in this case with object to humiliate him on being arrested by the police.

Learned Spl. P.P. appearing on behalf of the State vehemently opposed the contentions made by the learned counsel for the applicant and contended that his name transpired in confessional statement of apprehended co-accused. The applicant is also having one criminal antecedent of one case in the State of Karnataka.

In view of the above no useful purpose would be served in keeping the present application pending or calling for counter affidavit from the State. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the applicant is entitled to be released on anticipatory bail, at this stage.

In the event of arrest, the abovenamed applicant, involved in the aforesaid case be released on anticipatory bail on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/-(Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount to the satisfaction of the court concerned on the following conditions:-

- i. The applicant shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.
- ii. The applicant shall not, directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the court or any police officer or tamper with the evidence.
- iii. In default of any of the conditions mentioned above, the investigating officers shall be at liberty to file appropriate application for cancellation of anticipatory bail granted to the applicant.
- iv. The applicant shall co-operate in the trial before the court below and in case of non-cooperation, the trial court would be at liberty to cancel the bail of the applicant without any reference to this Court.

(Subhash Chand, J.)

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