IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI B.A. No. 10900 of 2022

Santosh Kumar Mandal Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand Opp. Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHASH CHAND

For the Petitioner : Mr. Vikesh Kumar, Advocate For the State : Mr. Shree Prakash Jha, A.P.P.

04/ 28.11.2022

Heard learned counsel for the applicant and the learned A.P.P. for the State.

This bail application has been filed on behalf of the applicant— Santosh Kumar Mandal with prayer to release on bail in connection with Giridih (Cyber) P.S. Case No. 17 of 2022, registered under Sections 413/414/419/420/120(B) of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 66(B)/66(C)/66(D) of the Information Technology Act, pending in the court of the Additional Sessions Judge-II cum Special Judge, Cyber Crime, Giridih.

Learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that as per F.I.R. allegations, the informant police officer had received secret information that three cybercrime criminals were coming to Giridih to withdraw money. Raid was carried out at the indicated place. Three boys came by the bike which was bearing no number plate and intruded in the HDFC Bank A.T.M. and two were outside the same. That boy was present there was identified as Sagar Kumar Turi. From his possession A.T.M. card of three different banks, mobile phone were recovered. This apprehended person told the name of the two persons as Ajay Rana and and Santosh Kumar Mandal. He further disclosed that Ajay Rana runs CSP at the gate of Giridih college. A.T.M. was of some other persons by which he was making effort to withdraw money by committing cybercrime. Thereafter those two persons were also chased. Santosh Kumar Mandal was also apprehended. From his possession Aadhar Card, Pan Card, A.T.M. cards of different banks were also recovered. Third one managed to flee away.

Learned Counsel for the applicant has submitted that though the applicant was also apprehended by the police on the disclosure statement made by the apprehended accused Sagar Kumar Turi yet the alleged recovered articles from possession of the applicant were never used in commission of the cybercrime against any person. The applicant has been languishing in Jail since 15.08.2022.

Learned A.P.P. appearing on behalf of the State vehemently opposed the contentions made by the learned counsel for the applicant.

In view of the submissions made and materials on record, the bail application of the applicant is hereby allowed. Let the applicant be released on bail on 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 in aforesaid case.