

# **Surendra Yadav And 2 Others vs State Of U.P. And Another on 20 January, 2021**

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**Bench: Siddharth**

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

?Court No. - 73

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION U/S 438 CR.P.C. No. - 982 of 2021

Applicant :- Surendra Yadav And 2 Others

Opposite Party :- State of U.P. and Another

Counsel for Applicant :- Saroj Kumar Dubey, Ashok Kumar Yadav

Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Siddharth, J.

Heard learned counsel for the applicants and learned AGA for the State.

Order on Criminal Misc. Exemption Application This exemption application is allowed.

Order on Criminal Misc. Anticipatory Bail Application The instant Anticipatory Bail Application has been filed with a prayer to grant an anticipatory bail to the applicants, namely, Surendra Yadav, Om Prakash Yadav and Prince Yadav, in Case Crime No.-0299 of 2020, under Sections- 272 I.P.C. and Sections 60, 63 and 72 of Excise Act, Police Station-Gauri Bazar, District-Deoria.

Prior notice of this bail application was served in the office of Government Advocate and as per Chapter XVIII, Rule 18 of the Allahabad High Court Rules and as per direction dated 20.11.2020 of this Court in Criminal Misc. Anticipatory Bail Application U/S 438 Cr.P.C. No. 8072 of 2020,

Govind Mishra @ Chhotu Versus State of U.P., hence, this anticipatory bail application is being heard. Grant of further time to the learned A.G.A as per Section 438 (3) Cr.P.C. (U.P. Amendment) is not required.

The applicants have been implicated for offences under Section 272 I.P.C., which are non-bailable offences. Along with the aforesaid sections the applicants have also been implicated for offences under Sections 60, 63 and 72 of Excise Act.

It has been submitted that implication under Section 272 IPC is unjustified since there is a special Act holding the field, i.e. Food Safety and Standards Act 2006. False recovery has been made against the applicants. The applicants are regularly making efforts to arrest the applicants. The offence under sections 60, 63 and 72 of Excise Act are bailable and triable by Magistrate.

Learned AGA has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the applicants. He has submitted that in view of the seriousness of the allegations made against the applicants, they are not entitled to grant of anticipatory bail. The apprehension of the applicants is not founded on any material on record. Only on the basis of imaginary fear anticipatory bail cannot be granted.

After considering the rival submissions this court finds that there is a case registered/about to be registered against the applicant. It cannot be definitely said when the police may apprehend him. After the lodging of FIR the arrest can be made by the police at will. There is no definite period fixed for the police to arrest an accused against whom an FIR has been lodged. The courts have repeatedly held that arrest should be the last option for the police and it should be restricted to those exceptional cases where arresting the accused is imperative or their custodial interrogation is required. Irrational and indiscriminate arrests are gross violation of human rights. In the case of Joginder Kumar v. State of Uttar Pradesh AIR 1994 SC 1349 the Apex Court has referred to the third report of National Police Commission wherein it is mentioned that arrests by the police in India is one of the chief source of corruption in the police. The report suggested that, by and large, nearly 60 percent of the arrests were either unnecessary or unjustified and that such unjustified police action accounted for 43.2 percent of expenditure of the jails. Personal liberty is a very precious fundamental rights and it should be curtailed only when it becomes imperative. According to the peculiar facts and circumstances of the peculiar case the arrest of an accused should be made.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and considering the nature of accusation and his antecedents, the applicants are entitled to be released on anticipatory bail for limited period in this case considering the exceptions considered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Sushila Aggarwal vs. State (NCT of Delhi)- 2020 SCC Online SC 98.

In the event of arrest, the applicants shall be released on anticipatory bail till the submission of police report, if any, under section 173 (2) Cr.P.C. before the competent Court on furnishing a personal bond of Rs. 50,000/- with two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Station House Officer/ Court of the police station concerned Court with the following conditions:-

- (i) The applicants shall make himself available for interrogation by the police officer as and when required;
- (ii) The applicants 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 from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- (iii) The applicants shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court and if they have passport, the same shall be deposited by them before the S.S.P./S.P. concerned.
- (iv) The party shall file computer generated copy of such order downloaded from the official website of High Court Allahabad.
- (v) The concerned Court/Authority/Official shall verify the authenticity of such computerized copy of the order from the official website of High Court Allahabad and shall make a declaration of such verification in writing.

In default of any of the conditions, the Investigating Officer/ Govt. Advocate is at liberty to file appropriate application for cancellation of anticipatory bail granted to the applicants.

The Investigating Officer is directed to conclude the investigation, if pending, of the present case in accordance with law, expeditiously, independently without being prejudiced by any observations made by this Court while considering and deciding the present anticipatory bail application of the applicants.

The applicants are directed to produce a copy of this order downloaded from the official website of this Court before the S.S.P./S.P. concerned within ten days from today, if investigation is pending who shall ensure the compliance of present order.

Order Date :- 20.1.2021 Asha