Court No. - 64

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 18451 of 2023

Applicant :- Vaibhav Pathak
Opposite Party :- State of U.P.
Counsel for Applicant :- Safiullah,Kunwar Janmejay Pratap Singh,Narendra Nath Tripathi
Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Siddharth,J.

Supplementary affidavit filed today is taken on record.

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

There is allegation against the applicant of causing dowry death of his wife.

Learned counsel for the applicant submits that deceased left her house on her own. Her dead body was recovered after seven days but due to dead body of the deceased having been eaten by the animals only skull was found. No DNA test of skull was got done. There is no public witness of recovery. Learned counsel for the applicant further submitted that the deceased was not happy in her matrimonial home. First information report is delayed by a week. Applicant is in jail since 21.01.2021. Six out of 19 prosecution witnesses have only been examined. Trial will take time to conclude. Applicant has no criminal history.

Learned AGA has opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute the above submissions.

Keeping in view the nature of the offence, evidence, complicity of the accused; submissions of the learned counsel for the parties noted above; finding force in the submissions made by the learned counsel for the applicant; keeping view the uncertainty regarding conclusion of trial; one sided investigation by police, ignoring the case of accused side; applicant being under trial having fundamental right to speedy trial; larger mandate of the Article 21 of the Constitution of India and recent judgment dated 11.07.2022 of the Apex Court in the case of Satendra Kumar Antil vs. C.B.I., passed in S.L.P (Crl.) No. 5191 of 2021 and considering 5-6 times overcrowding in jails over and above their capacity by the under trials and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the Court is of the view that the applicant has made out a case for bail. The bail application is allowed.

Let the applicant, **Vaibhav Pathak,** involved in Case Crime No.31 of 2021, under Sections 498A, 304B, 201 I.P.C and Section 3/4 D. P. Act, Police Station Chandausi, District- Sambhal be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond and two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the court concerned subject to following conditions. Further, before issuing the release order, the sureties be verified.

(i) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or threaten the witnesses.

(ii) The applicant shall file an undertaking to the effect that he shall not seek any adjournment on the dates fixed for evidence when the witnesses are present in Court. In case of default of this condition, it shall be open for the Trial Court to treat it as abuse of liberty of bail and pass orders in accordance with law.

(iii) The applicant shall remain present before the Trial Court on each date fixed, either personally or as directed by the Court. In case of his absence, without sufficient cause, the Trial Court may proceed against him under Section 229-A of the Indian Penal Code.

(iv) In case the applicant misuse the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure his presence, proclamation under Section 82 Cr.P.C. is issued and the applicants fail to appear before the Court on the date fixed in such proclamation then the Trial Court shall initiate proceedings against him in accordance with law under Section 174-A of the Indian Penal Code.

(v) The applicant shall remain present in person before the Trial Court on the dates fixed for (i) opening of the case, (ii) framing of charge and (iii) recording of statement under Section 313 Cr.P.C. If in the opinion of the Trial Court absence of the applicant is deliberate or without sufficient cause, then it shall be open for the Trial Court to treat such default as abuse of liberty of bail and proceed against him in accordance with law.

In case of breach of any of the above conditions, the complainant is free to move an application for cancellation of bail before this court.

Identity and residence proof of the applicant and sureties be verified by the court concerned before the bonds are accepted.

Order Date :- 3.11.2023
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Digitally signed by :-
SURENDAR SINGH NARANG
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad