Court No. - 72

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION U/S 438 CR.P.C. No. - 6740 of 2023

Applicant :- Ashraf Alias Shekhu
Opposite Party :- State of U.P.
Counsel for Applicant :- Anil Kumar Mehrotra,Sunil Kumar Singh
Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Krishan Pahal,J.

1. List has been revised.

2. Supplementary affidavit filed today is taken on record.

3. Heard Sri Anil Kumar Mehrotra, learned counsel for the applicant and Sri V.K.S. Parmar, learned A.G.A. for the State as well as perused the record.

4. The present anticipatory bail application has been filed on behalf of the applicant in Case Crime No.0076 of 2023, registered under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC and Section 3 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 at Police Station- Gwaltoli, District Kanpur Nagar with a prayer to enlarge him on anticipatory bail.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant has stated that the applicant was granted interim bail by this Court vide order dated 26.06.2023 and he has not misused the said opportunity granted earlier. The investigation is going on and he is ready to cooperate with the trial. The applicant is not a previous convict. Several other submissions have been made on behalf of the applicant to demonstrate the falsity of the allegations made against him. The circumstances which, as per counsel, led to the false implication of the applicant have also been touched upon at length. Learned counsel for the applicant undertakes that he has co-operated in the investigation and is ready to do so in trial also failing which the State can move appropriate application for cancellation of anticipatory bail.

6. Per contra, learned A.G.A. has vehemently opposed the anticipatory bail application but unable to dispute the submissions raised by the learned counsel for the applicant.

7. On due consideration to the arguments advanced by learned counsel for the applicant as well as learned A.G.A. and considering the nature of accusations and antecedents of the applicant, the applicant is liable to be enlarged on anticipatory bail in view of the judgment of Supreme Court in the case of ***"Sushila Aggarwal Vs. State (NCT of Delhi), (2020) 5 SCC 1"***. The future contingencies regarding the anticipatory bail being granted to applicant shall also be taken care of as per the aforesaid judgment of the Apex Court.

8. In view of the above, the anticipatory bail application of the applicant is allowed. Let the accused-applicant- **Ashraf Alias Shekhu** be released forthwith in the aforesaid case crime (supra) on anticipatory bail till the conclusion of trial on furnishing a personal and two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i). that the applicant shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;
(ii). that 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 to any police officer or tamper with the evidence;
(iii). that the applicant shall not leave India without the previous permission of the court;
(iv). that in case charge-sheet is submitted the applicant shall not tamper with the evidence during the trial;
(v). that the applicant shall not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution witness;
(vi). that the applicant shall appear before the trial court on each date fixed unless personal presence is exempted;
(vii). that in case of breach of any of the above conditions the court concerned shall have the liberty to cancel the bail.

9. It is made clear that observations made hereinabove are exclusively for deciding the instant anticipatory bail application and shall not affect the trial.

Order Date :- 8.11.2023
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Digitally signed by :-
MANOJ KUMAR YADAV
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad