

Court No. - 70

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 37155 of 2023

Applicant :- Mintu

Opposite Party :- State Of U.P. And 3 Others

Counsel for Applicant :- Mohini Jaiswal, Mahima Jaiswal

Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Sameer Jain, J.

1. Dr. S. B. Maurya, learned AGA apprised the Court that on 19.8.2023 notice has been served to the informant. Despite service of notice, none appeared on behalf of the informant.

2. Heard Ms. Mohini Jaiswal, learned counsel for the applicant and Dr. S. B. Maurya, learned AGA-I for the State-respondent.

3. The instant application has been filed seeking release of the applicant on bail in Case Crime No. 152 of 2022, under Sections 363, 366A, 376DA IPC & Section 5 Cha/6 POCSO Act, Police Station Dataganj, District Budaun, during pendency of the trial in the court below.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that this is the second bail applicant filed on behalf of the applicant. The first bail application of the applicant has been dismissed on 8.5.2023 by this Court and instant second bail application is being pressed on the ground that after rejection of the first bail application of the applicant when victim appeared before the trial court then she did not support the prosecution case and she had declared hostile.

5. She further submitted that applicant is having no criminal history apart from the present case and he is in jail in the present matter since 6.4.2022 i.e. for more than one and half years.

6. Per contra, learned AGA opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute the arguments on facts advanced by learned counsel for the applicant.

7. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case.

8. Although this is second bail application filed on the applicant

and the first bail application of the applicant has already been dismissed on merit by this Court on 8.5.2023 but it appears that after rejection of the first bail application of the applicant when victim appeared before the trial court then she did not support the prosecution case and has been declared hostile.

9. Further, applicant is having no criminal history apart from the present case and he is in jail in the present matter since 6.4.2022 i.e. for more than one and half years.

10. Therefore, considering the facts and circumstances of the case, discussed above, in my view, applicant is entitled to be released on bail.

11. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant bail application is **allowed**.

12. Let the applicant-**Mintu**, be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing a personal bond and two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the court concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) The applicant shall appear before the trial court on the dates fixed, unless his personal presence is exempted.

(ii) The applicant shall not directly or indirectly, make 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) The applicant shall not indulge in any criminal and anti-social activity.

13. In case of breach of any of the above condition, the prosecution will be at liberty to move an application before this Court for cancellation of the bail of the applicant.

14. It is clarified that the observations made herein are limited to the facts brought in by the parties pertaining to the disposal of bail application and the said observations shall have no bearing on the merits of the case during trial.

Order Date :- 1.11.2023

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