Court No. - 72

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION U/S 438 CR.P.C. No. - 11244 of 2023

Applicant :- Pankaj Paswan
Opposite Party :- State Of U.P. And Another
Counsel for Applicant :- Prakash Tripathi,Vinay Prakash Shukla
Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Krishan Pahal,J.

1. List has been revised.

2. Heard Sri Prakash Tripathi, learned counsel for the applicant and Ms. Ifra Islam, learned A.G.A. for the State and also perused the record.

3. The present anticipatory bail application has been filed on behalf of the applicant in F.I.R./Case Crime No. 145 of 2023, under Sections 3/5A/5B/8 of UP Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act and Section 11 of Prevention of Animals to Cruelty Act, Police Station Gopiganj, District Bhadohi, with a prayer to enlarge him on anticipatory bail.

4. Admittedly, 7 animals belonging to cow progeny were recovered from an unnumbered vehicle of which two were found dead.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant has stated that the applicant is maliciously being prosecuted in the present case due to ulterior motive and has apprehension of his arrest. He has nothing to do with the said offence as alleged by the prosecution. Learned counsel has further stated that the applicant was not named in the FIR. His name has come up on the basis of his ownership of the said vehicle. The offence committed, if any, is by the driver of the vehicle.

6. 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. It is further submitted that the applicant has no criminal history. In case, the anticipatory bail application of the applicant is allowed, he will not misuse the liberty and shall cooperate with trial.

7. On the other hand, learned A.G.A. has vehemently opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail but unable to dispute the submissions raised by the learned counsel for the applicant and also the fact that the applicant has no criminal history.

8. Considering the arguments advanced by the learned counsel for the parties and in view of the law laid down by the Apex Court in the case of "**Sushila Aggarwal Vs. State (NCT of Delhi)-2020 SCC online SC 98**", the applicant is entitled to be granted anticipatory bail in this case.

9. Without expressing any opinion upon ultimate merits of the case either ways which may adversely affect the trial of the case, the anticipatory bail application of the applicant is **allowed**.

10. In the event of arrest of the applicant, **Pankaj Paswan** involved in the aforesaid case crime number, shall be released on anticipatory bail till the conclusion of trial on furnishing a personal bond with two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Presiding Officer/Court Concerned, with the conditions that:-

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 previous permission of the court;
iv. that 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;

11. In case of breach of any of the above conditions, the court concerned shall have the liberty to cancel the bail granted to the applicant.

12. It is made clear that observations made in granting anticipatory bail to the applicant shall not in any way affect the learned trial Judge in forming his independent opinion based on the testimony of the witnesses.

(Justice Krishan Pahal)

Order Date :- 18.10.2023
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Digitally signed by :-
SIDDHANT SAHU
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad