

Court No. - 73

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC ANTICIPATORY BAIL
APPLICATION U/S 438 CR.P.C. No. - 11200 of 2023

Applicant :- Vijendra Singh

Opposite Party :- State of U.P.

Counsel for Applicant :- Lalit Kumar Srivastava

Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Nalin Kumar Srivastava,J.

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant, learned AGA and perused the material available on record.
2. This application for anticipatory bail has been filed by applicant - **Vijendra Singh** in connection with Case Crime No. 84 of 2020, under section 420 IPC and Section 63/65 Copy Right Act, P.S.- Tajganj, District- Agra.
3. The FIR was instituted against several persons of having misused the copyrights of Panchhi Foods Private Limited and thereby caused pecuniary loss in the business of the informant.
4. It has been argued by the learned counsel for the applicant that applicant is innocent and he has apprehension of arrest in the above-mentioned case, whereas there is no credible evidence against him. Allegations levelled against the applicant are false. After investigation charge sheet has been submitted in the matter. Applicant has no criminal history to his credit. In case applicant is granted anticipatory bail, he shall not misuse the liberty of bail and would obey all conditions of bail. It is also submitted that no process under Sections 82/83 CrPC has been issued against the applicant and he has been cooperative during investigation. It is lastly submitted that the alleged offences are punishable with the imprisonment for a maximum period of seven years.
5. Learned A.G.A. has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.
6. In this matter, as is evident from the record, offences levelled against the applicants are of Section 420 IPC and Section 63/65 Copy Right Act which are punishable with the imprisonment upto seven years. It reveals from the perusal of the record that no process under Section 82/83 Cr.P.C. has been issued against the

applicant till date and he has cooperated during the investigation.

7. In **Sushila Aggarwal and others vs. State (NCT of Delhi) and another, (2020) 5 SCC 1**, the Hon'ble Apex Court has settled the controversy finally by holding the anticipatory bail need not be of limited duration invariably. In appropriate case, it can continue upto conclusion of trial.

It has been further held therein that anticipatory bail granted can, depending on the conduct and behavior of the accused, continue after filing of the charge sheet till end of trial.

It has been further held by the Hon'ble Apex Court that while considering an application for grant of anticipatory bail, the court has to consider the nature of the offence, the role of the person, the likelihood of his influencing the course of investigation, or tampering with evidence including intimidating witnesses, likelihood of fleeing justice, such as leaving the country, etc. It has further been held that Courts ought to be generally guided by considerations such as the nature and gravity of the offences, the role attributed to the applicant, and the facts of the case, while considering whether to grant anticipatory bail, or refuse it. Whether to grant or not is a matter of discretion.

8. Hence, considering the settled principles of law regarding anticipatory bail, submissions of the learned counsel for the parties, nature of accusation, role of applicant and all attending facts and circumstances of the case, without expressing any opinion of the merits of the case, in my view, it is a fit case for anticipatory bail to the applicant till conclusion of trial in the matter.

9. The anticipatory bail application is **allowed** accordingly.

10. In the event of arrest of the applicant in the aforesaid case crime, he shall be released on anticipatory bail on his furnishing a personal bond of Rs. 50,000/- with two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Court concerned with the following conditions :-

i. 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.

ii. The applicant shall not pressurize/ intimidate the prosecution

witness.

iii. The applicant shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which he is accused, or suspected, of the commission of which he is suspected.

iv. The applicant shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court and if he has passport, the same shall be deposited by him before the S.S.P./S.P. concerned.

11. In case of breach of any of the above conditions, the Investigating Officer shall be at liberty to file appropriate application for cancellation of anticipatory bail of the applicant in accordance with law.

Order Date :- 30.10.2023

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