Court No. - 66

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 45242 of 2023
Applicant :- Smt Prakasha @ Ram Sarogah
Opposite Party :- State of U.P.
Counsel for Applicant :- Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi
Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Ajay Bhanot,J.

By means of this bail application the applicant has prayed to be enlarged on bail in Case Crime No. 255 of 2023 at Police Station Faridpur, District Bareilly under Sections 498-A, 304-B, 323, 504, 506, 315 I.P.C. and Section 3/4 Dowry Prohibition Act. The applicant is in jail since 20.07.2023.

The bail application of the applicant was rejected by learned trial court on 21.08.2023.

The applicant is the mother in law of the deceased. The FIR records that the applicant tortured the deceased and regularly demanded dowry. The deceased died an unnatural death. The deceased died of antemortem injuries. The ingredients to establish presumption under Section 304-B IPC are made out. The offence is grave. There is likelihood that the applicant had committed the offence. At this stage, no case for bail is made out.

Without going into the merits of the case, the bail application is dismissed.

Considering the gravity of the offence, interest of justice

will be served by directing the learned trial court to expedite the trial within a stipulated period of time.

The trial court is directed to conclude the trial within a period of one year from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. The learned trial court shall proceed with the hearing on a day to day basis to ensure that the above stipulated timeline of one year is strictly adhered to. All witnesses and counsels are directed to cooperate with the trial proceedings.

The trial court has also to be conscious of the rights of the accused persons and is under obligation of law to ensure that all expeditious, necessary and coercive measures as per law are adopted to ensure the presence of witnesses. Counsels or parties who delay or impede the proceedings should not only be discouraged from doing so but in appropriate cases exemplary costs should also be imposed on such parties/ counsel.

The learned trial court shall issue summons by regular process as per Section 62 Cr.P.C. and also by registered post as contemplated under Section 69 Cr.P.C. to expedite the trial.

The learned trial court shall promptly take out all strict coercive measures against all the witnesses in accordance with law who fail to appear in the trial proceeding. Counsels or parties who delay or impede the proceedings

should not only be discouraged from doing so but in appropriate cases exemplary costs should also be imposed on such parties/ counsel.

The police authorities shall ensure that warrants or any coercive measures as per law taken out by the learned trial court to ensure that the attendance of the witnesses are promptly executed.

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Bareilly shall file an affidavit before the trial court on the date fixed regarding status of execution of the warrants/service of summons taken out by the learned trial court.

In case there is a failure on part of the police authorities to execute the warrants or other coercive measures, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Bareilly shall state the reasons for the same in the said affidavit and also show the steps taken to execute the warrants. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Bareilly shall simultaneously inform the Additional Director General of Police (ADG) Bareilly Zone, about the aforesaid failure of the police authorities in the first instance to execute the warrants and coercive measures issued by the learned trial court. If required, the Additional Director General of Police (ADG) Bareilly Zone, may issue appropriate directions to ensure that the warrants issued are promptly executed by the learned trial court.

The delay in execution of warrants and consequent absence of witnesses is one of the principal causes of delays in criminal trials and has to be addressed effectively by all stakeholders.

The trial judge shall submit a fortnightly report on the progress of trial and the steps taken to comply with this order to the learned District Judge.

A copy of this order be communicated to the learned trial judge through the learned District Judge, Bareilly by the Registrar (Compliance) by FAX.

Order Date :- 27.10.2023
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Digitally signed by :-
PRAVIN VERMA
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad