

Court No. - 76

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 52014 of 2023

Applicant :- Afzal Beg And Another

Opposite Party :- State of U.P.

Counsel for Applicant :- Salman Ahmad,Ahmad Nawaz Ansari

Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Vikram D. Chauhan,J.

1. Learned A.G.A. submits that instructions have been received and has no objection in case the bail application is heard on merits.

2. Heard learned counsel for the applicant, learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the record.

3. It is submitted by learned counsel for the applicant that there is only one case shown in the gang chart against applicants, in which case they are already on bail, the bail orders are annexed as Annexure no. 3 to the affidavit. It is the submission of learned counsel for the applicant that applicants neither the gang leader or organizer or member of the gang and the provision of Gangster Act may not be applicable in the facts and circumstances of the case. Applicants are languishing in jail since 06.11.2023 and in case they are released on bail, they will not misuse the liberty of bail and will cooperate in the trial. In the first information report, the allegations are vague in nature and no specific instance to the effect that the applicants are member or leader or organizer of a Gang has been disclosed and as such the factual foundation under the Gangster Act is not available.

4. Learned A.G.A. for the State has opposed the prayer for bail but does not dispute the factual matrix of the case.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, it is evident that the provision of Gangster Act has been invoked against the applicants on the basis of one criminal case. However, applicants have been released on bail in the aforesaid cases. Learned A.G.A. has not produced any material to demonstrate that the applicant comes within the definition of "Gangster" and "Gang" under U.P. Gangsters and Antisocial Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986. Mere pendency of criminal case may

not ipso facto invoke provisions of U.P. Act No.7 of 1986. Criminal history of the applicants have been adequately explained.

6. The applicants in the present case have been implicated on the basis of the criminal case detailed in the gang chart. It is not in dispute by learned A.G.A. that the applicants have already been enlarged on bail in the criminal case showing in the gang chart. Once the applicants have been enlarged on bail in previous criminal case shown in the gang chart which forms the foundation for lodging of the criminal case under the Gangster Act. This Court see no valid ground to detain the applicants in custody once the applicants have already been enlarged on bail in the case shown in the gang chart.

7. Learned A.G.A. has not shown any other criminal history of the applicants.

8. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of offence, evidence, complicity of the accused, submissions of learned counsel for the parties and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the Court is of the view that the applicants have made out a case for bail. The bail application is allowed.

9. Let the applicants **Afzal Beg** and **Pannu @ Waseem** involved in Case Crime No. 239 of 2023, under Sections 2/3 of U.P. Gangster and Anti Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986, Police Station Kadaura, District Jalaun, be released on bail on furnishing a personal bond and two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the court concerned subject to the following conditions:-

i. The applicants will not tamper with the evidence during the trial.

ii. The applicants will not pressurize/intimidate the prosecution witness.

iii. The applicants will appear before the trial court on the date fixed, unless personal presence is exempted and/ or the applicants shall make themselves available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

iv. The applicants shall not commit an offence similar to the offence of which they are accused, or suspected, of the commission of which they are suspected.

v. The applicants 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 them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence.

vi. The applicants shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court.

vii. In the event, the applicants change their residential address, the applicants shall inform the court concerned about new residential address in writing.

10. In case of breach of any of the above condition, the prosecution shall be at liberty to move bail cancellation application before this Court.

Order Date :- 12.12.2023
S.Prakash