

Court No. - 74

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 53320 of 2023

Applicant :- Kashi Banjara

Opposite Party :- State of U.P.

Counsel for Applicant :- Prabhat Kumar Mishra, Anurag Mishra

Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Vivek Varma, J.

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and Sri Prateek Tyagi, learned A.G.A. for the State-opposite party.
2. The instant bail application under Section 439 Cr.P.C. has been filed with the prayer to enlarge the applicant on bail in Case Crime No. 0394 of 2023, under Sections 307, 411, 419, 420, 467, 468, 471 I.P.C. and 3/25 Arms Act, Police Station Jhunsi, District Prayagraj during the pendency of the trial.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the instant case. False recovery of a country made pistol, Indian currency of Rs.15,000/- and other items has been shown from the applicant. There is no independent witness to the alleged recovery. Except confessional statement of the applicant in the police custody, at this stage there is no cogent evidence to link the applicant with the offence. The criminal history of the applicant has been explained in Paragraph-13 of the affidavit. The applicant is in jail since 17.09.2023 and if he is released on bail, he will not misuse the said liberty.
4. Learned A.G.A. has opposed the prayer for bail but could not satisfactorily dispute the aforesaid submissions from the record.
5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and after perusal of the record, this Court prima facie finds that there is no independent witness to the alleged recovery. Except confessional statement of the applicant in the police custody, at this stage there is no substantive evidence against the applicant. Moreover, the applicant has remained confined for more than two and half months and after submission of the charge-sheet there is no hope of early conclusion of trial, and no reasonable apprehension has been brought to the fore by the State that the applicant, if enlarged

on bail, would either tamper with the evidence or delay the trial or intimidate the witness, therefore, without commenting on the merits of the case, I am of the opinion that the applicant is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

6. Let the applicant- Kashi Banjara, involved in the aforesaid case, be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond and two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of Court concerned subject to the conditions that he:

- (i) shall appear on the date fixed by the trial court;
- (ii) shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence; and,
- (iii) shall not pressurize the prosecution witnesses.

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

Order Date :- 12.12.2023

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