Court No. - 14

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 13366 of 2023

Applicant :- Vikas Kumar
Opposite Party :- State Of U.P Thru. Prin. Secy. Home Govt. Civil Secrt. Lko.
Counsel for Applicant :- Ramakar Shukla
Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Mohd. Faiz Alam Khan,J.

1. Learned AGA informs that he has procured complete instructions in the matter including up to date case diary.

2. Heard Shri Ramakar Shukla, learned counsel for the accused/applicant as well as learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the record.

3. This bail application has been moved by the accused/applicant- Vikas Kumar for grant of bail, in case Crime No. 98/2022, under Section 2/3(1) of Uttar Pradesh Gangsters & Anti- Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986, Police Station Ramganj, District Amethi, during trial.

4. Learned counsel for the accused-applicant while pressing the bail application submits that the accused-applicant has falsely been implicated in the instant case as well as in the single case mentioned in the gang chart on the basis of which provision of Gangsters Act has been invoked. However, in the single case mentioned in the gang chart, the applicant has been granted bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 27.10.2023 passed in Crl. Misc. Bail Application No. 12089 of 2023 and a copy of bail order pertaining to the single case is placed on record as Annexure No. S.A.1 through the Supplementary affidavit dated 03.11.2023.

5. It is further submitted that apart from the above single case mentioned in the gang chart, the applicant is not involved in any other criminal case and he in this case, is detained in prison since 30.08.2022 and there is no apprehension that the accused-applicant after release on bail, may flee from the process of law or may otherwise misuse the liberty. Otherwise also the allegations levelled in the First Information Report of the instant case are not sufficient enough to attract a presumption that the applicant is either guilty of the offences mentioned in

the gang chart or may commit the same offences again as described in the gang chart. Identically placed co-accused persons, namely, Irshad and Sahabuddin Ahmad have been granted bail by the Coordinate bench of this Court and by this Court, vide orders dated 15.09.2023 and 11.10.2023 passed in Crl. Misc. Bail Application Nos. 11039 of 2023 and 12101 of 2023, respectively.

6. Learned A.G.A. on the other hand submits that the applicant is accused of committing heinous offence and therefore, he is not entitled to be released on bail.

7. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and having perused the record, it is transpired from the record that the applicant has been involved in this case on the basis of single criminal case mentioned in the gang chart and in this case the applicant has been granted facility of bail by a Coordinate Bench of this Court. Apart from the single case mentioned in the gang chart the applicant is not involved in any other criminal case. Identically placed co-accused persons, namely, Irshad and Sahabuddin Ahmad have been granted bail by the Coordinate bench of this Court and by this Court. The applicant is in jail in this case since 30.08.2022 and his presence may be secured before the trial court by placing adequate conditions.

8. Keeping in view the nature of the offence, evidence, complicity of the accused, severity of punishment, submissions of the learned counsel for the parties and without expressing any opinion on the merits and demerits of the case, I am of the considered view that applicant has made out a case for bail. The bail application is allowed.

9. Let applicant- Vikas Kumar involved in the aforesaid case be released on bail on furnishing a personal bond with two sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the court concerned subject to following conditions:-

(i) The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence by intimidating/pressurizing the witnesses, during the investigation or trial.

(ii) The applicant shall cooperate in the trial sincerely without seeking any adjournment.

(iii) The applicant shall not indulge in any criminal activity or commission of any crime after being released on bail.

10. In case of breach of any of the above conditions, it shall be

a ground for cancellation of bail.

11. Identity, status and residence proof of the applicant and sureties be verified by the court concerned before the bonds are accepted.

12. Observations made herein-above are only for the purpose of disposal of bail application and the same shall not have any bearing on the trial of the case.

Order Date :- 8.11.2023
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MOHD UMAR KHAN
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad,
Lucknow Bench