IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A. No.7588 of 2020

Pankaj Gupta ..... … Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand …. …. Opposite Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. Rajiv Nandan Prasad, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Naveen Kr. Ganjhu, A.P.P.

02/16.10.2020 The present bail application is taken up today through Video conferencing.

The petitioner is an accused in connection with S.T. No.330 of 2019 arising out of Korrah P.S. Case No.61 of 2019 registered for the offence punishable under Section 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's prayer for bail was earlier rejected by this Court vide order dated 31st July, 2019 passed in B.A. No.6485 of 2019. By way of present bail application, the petitioner has renewed his prayer for regular bail, primarily on the ground that co-accused Amar Singh against whom there is an allegation of stabbing the deceased (Vicky Nath), has already been granted regular bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 21st August, 2020 passed in B.A. No.5248 of 2020. In fact the informant has not supported the case of the prosecution in the trial and has been declared hostile by the prosecution. Similarly, situated co-accused Annu Gupta @ Anuj Kumar Gupta has also been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 4th September, 2020 passed in B.A. No.4062 of 2020. The petitioner is in judicial custody since 18th April, 2019, hence, he may be given the privilege of regular bail.

The learned A.P.P. opposed the petitioner's prayer for bail.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner above named, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.20,000/-(Rupees Twenty Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the court of learned Additional Sessions Judge-III, Hazaribag in connection with S.T. No.330 of 2019 arising out of Korrah P.S. Case No.61 of 2019, subject to the condition that the petitioner shall co-operate in

the trial and shall be present as and when required by the learned trial court, failing which the trial court is at liberty to pass appropriate order against the petitioner in accordance with law.

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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