**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**
**B.A. No.10066 of 2020**
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1. Vinod Dungdung
2. Joseph Dungdung
3. Ismile Lakra
4. Ravi Lakra … Petitioners

Versus

The State of Jharkhand … Opposite Party

**Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY**

For the Petitioners : Mr. Kripa Shankar Nanda, Adv.
For the State : Mr. Shree Prakash Jha, Addl. P.P.

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**02/17.12.2020** Heard the parties through video conferencing.

Learned counsel for the petitioners undertakes to remove the defects pointed out by the stamp reporter within two weeks after the lockdown is over.

In view of personal undertaking given by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the defects pointed out by the stamp reporter are ignored for the present.

The petitioners have been made accused in connection with Rengarih P.S. Case No.08 of 2020 registered under Sections 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the allegation against the petitioners is that the petitioners along with four others have murdered the brother of the informant namely Binit Lakra. It is submitted that the allegation against the petitioners is false. It is further submitted that as the deceased committed rape upon the sister of the petitioner No.1, hence, the petitioner No.1 and others have been falsely implicated in this case. It is next submitted that the petitioners have been in custody for a considerable period of time. Hence it is submitted that the petitioners be released on bail.

Learned Addl. P.P. appearing for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail and submitted that there is eye-witness account of the petitioners having murdered the deceased by assaulting him and the informant himself is the eye-witness to the occurrence and other witnesses have also supported the case of the prosecution. Hence, there is every chance of the petitioners absconding if released on bail. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioners ought not be released on bail.

Considering the serious nature of allegation against the petitioners of having murdered Binit Lakra, this Court is of the considered view that this is not a fit case where the above named petitioners be released on bail. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the above named petitioners is rejected.

Keeping in view the period of custody undergone by the petitioners and the serious nature of offences involved in this case, notwithstanding any order in administrative side of this Court, the trial court is directed to take up the trial of the case expeditiously and to conclude the trial within six months from the date of receipt of this order by the trial Court. It is made clear that the trial be conducted and witnesses be examined by observing the precautions relating to COVID-19 pandemic.

Animesh/ **(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)**