

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**MCRC No. 2282 of 2020**

- Rana Pratap Singh, S/o Ramjanm Singh, Aged About 61 Years, Occupation- Deputy Director Agriculture, R/o Civil Line, Dayanand Nagar, Raipur, District- Raipur Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant**Versus**

- State of Chhattisgarh Through: Station House Officer, Police Station- Lundra, District- Surguja, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant	: Mr. Yogendera Chaturvedi, Adv.
For Respondent/State	: Mr. H. S. Ahluwalia, Dy. A.G.

Hon'ble Smt. Justice Rajani Dubey**Order on Board****22.05.2020**

1. Heard on admission.
2. Admit.
3. The accused/applicant has moved this first bail application under Section 439 of Criminal Procedure Code for releasing him on regular bail during trial in connection with Crime No. 61/2009 registered at Police Station- Trikunda, District- Lundra, District- Surguja, (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Sections 420, 409, 467, 468, 471, 34 of IPC.
4. The prosecution story, in brief is that, it has been alleged that the present applicant along with other co-accused persons committed misappropriation of Government funds to the tune of Rs. 1,69,00,000/- for plantation of Jatropha Plant (Ratanjot). Thereafter, offence has been registered against the present applicant and other co-accused persons and they have been

arrested.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the crime in question. He further submits that the present applicant is a 61 years old person and suffering from diabetes and other co-accused person has been granted bail in MCRC No. 2018/2020 vide order dated 09.04.2020 by this Hon'ble Court. The applicant is in jail since 10.03.2020 there is no likelihood of his case being decided in near future, therefore, the present applicant may be released on bail.
6. On the other hand, counsel for the State opposes the bail application.
7. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
8. Taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offence, facts and circumstances of the case, and further considering the facts that the present applicant is a 61 years old person and suffering from diabetes and other co-accused person has been granted bail in MCRC No. 2018/2020 vide order dated 09.04.2020 by this Hon'ble Court. The applicant is in jail since 10.03.2020 and the trial is likely to take some time for its final disposal, this Court is of the view that it is a fit case to release the applicant on bail. Accordingly, the application is allowed.
9. Accused/applicant is directed to be released on bail on his executing a personal bond in the sum of Rs. 50,000/-, with one local surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the trial Court. He is directed to appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court.
10. It is made clear that if the applicant has already been released on bail pursuant to the bail bonds already furnished in view of the order passed by the High Power committee constituted in compliance of the order of the Supreme Court of India dated 23.03.2020 in the matter of **In Re: Contagion of COVID 19 Virus in Prisons** (Suo Moto Writ Petition (c) No. 1/2020), he need not furnish bail bonds afresh and the bail bonds already

furnished shall be deemed to be the bail bonds furnished in compliance of the order of this Court, but if he has not furnished the bail bonds earlier, then he will be required to furnish bail bonds within four weeks from today.

11.Certified copy, as per rule.

**Sd/-
(Rajani Dubey)
Judge**

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