

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR**MCRC No. 2488 of 2020**

- L. Govinda Rao S/o L. Nila Rao Aged About 33 Years R/o Rampur Basti Opp. I.T.I. Korba, At Police Help Line, Rampur, Police Station Kotwali, Tahsil And District- Korba, Chhattisgarh.

---- Applicant**Versus**

- State Of Chhattisgarh, Through : The Station House Officer, Police Station Rampur, Police Chawki, Korba, District- Korba, Chhattisgarh.

---- Respondent

For Applicant	:	Mr. Hariom Rai, Adv.
For Respondent/State	:	Mr. Anand Verma, Dy. G.A.

Hon'ble Smt. Justice Rajani Dubey**Order on Board****05/06/2020**

1. 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. 270/2017 registered at Police Station Kotwali, Chawki Rampur, District-Korba (C.G.) for the offence punishable under Section 420 of the IPC.
2. The prosecution story in brief is that, complainant lodged a report that the applicant is working in the office of the Superintendent of Police, Korba and the present applicant having good contact with the high officials of different department, and there was a vacancy of Forest Guard in the forest Department, Korba. Thereafter, on the basis of aforesaid vacancy the present applicant has taken Rs. 1,00,000/- from the complainant to provide him job on the post of forest guard but the present applicant neither provided any job nor returned money to the complainant. Based on this offence has been registered against the present applicant.
3. 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 applicant is in jail since 18.03.2020, there is no likelihood of his case being decided in near future, therefore, the present applicant may be released on bail.

4. On the other hand, counsel for the State opposes the bail application and submits that the allegation against the applicant is of serious in nature, the applicant has taken money on the false promise of job, therefore, no case is made out for grant of bail.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the case diary.
6. Taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offence, facts and circumstances of the case, detention period of applicant and further considering that the applicant is in jail since 18.03.2020, 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.
7. Accused/applicant is directed to be released on bail on his executing the personal bonds 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.
8. It is made clear that if the applicant has already been released on bail pursuant to the bail bond 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 bond afresh and the bail bond already furnished shall be deemed to be the bail bond furnished in compliance of the order of this Court, but if he has not furnished the bail bond earlier, then he will be required to furnish bail bond within four weeks from today.

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