Court No. - 70

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION U/S 438 CR.P.C. No. - 8100 of 2020

Applicant :- Munni Devi Pandey And 2 Others
Opposite Party :- State of U.P.
Counsel for Applicant :- Rashmi Srivastava
Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Siddharth,J.

Heard learned counsel for the applicants and learned A.G.A. for the State.

The instant anticipatory bail application has been filed on behalf of the applicants, **Munni Devi Pandey, Priya Pandey and Mahesh Kumar Pandey,** with a prayer to release them on bail in **Case Crime No. 825 of 2020, under Sections- 498-A, 323, 506, 377 I.P.C. and Section 3/4 of D.P. Act, Police Station- Nawabganj, District- Prayagraj.**

There is allegation in the F.I.R. regarding demand of dowry, consequent torture and harassment of the informant for unfulfilled demand of dowry. The applicants are the mother-in-law, sister-in-law and father-in-law of the informant.

Learned counsel for the applicants has submitted that the applicants have been falsely implicated in this case. The informant was unable to adjust in the family and therefore, she left her matrimonial home and went to live with her parents and has lodged false first information report. The applicants have no criminal history to their credit. The applicants have definite apprehension that they may be arrested by the police any time.

Learned A.G.A. has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the applicants.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and considering the nature of accusation and their antecedents, the applicants are entitled to be released on anticipatory bail for limited period in this case considering the exceptions considered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***Sushila Aggarwal vs. State (NCT of Delhi)- 2020 SCC Online SC 98*** and order dated 22.05.2020 passed by this Court in Criminal Misc. Anticipatory Bail Application No. 2609 of 2020.

In the event of arrest of the applicants, they shall be released on anticipatory bail till the submission of police report, if any,

under section 173 (2) Cr.P.C. before the competent Court on furnishing personal bonds of Rs. 25,000/- with two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Station House Officer of the police station concerned with the following conditions:-

(i) The applicants shall make himself available for interrogation by the police officer as and when required;

(ii) The applicants shall not directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police office;

(iii) The applicants shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court and if they have passports, the same shall be deposited by them before the S.S.P./S.P. concerned;

(iv) The party shall file computer generated copy of such order downloaded from the official website of High Court Allahabad;

(v) The concerned Court/Authority/Official shall verify the authenticity of such computerized copy of the order from the official website of High Court Allahabad and shall make a declaration of such verification in writing.

In default of any of the conditions, the Investigating Officer is at liberty to file appropriate application for cancellation of anticipatory bail granted to the applicants.

The Investigating Officer is directed to conclude the investigation of the present case in accordance with law, expeditiously, independently without being prejudiced by any observations made by this Court while considering and deciding the present anticipatory bail application of the applicants.

The applicants are directed to produce a copy of this order downloaded from the official website of this Court before the S.S.P./S.P. concerned within ten days from today, who shall ensure the compliance of present order.

Order Date :- 24.11.2020
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