

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.744 OF 2021
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.52 OF 2021

Dr. P V Varavara Rao : Applicant.
Versus
National Investigation Agency & anr. : Respondents.

ALONG WITH
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.63 OF 2021

Pendyala Hemalatha : Petitioner.
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and ors. : Respondents.

Mr. Anand Grover, Senior Advocate a/w Ms. Susan Abraham i/by Mr. R Sathyanarayanan for the Applicant.
Mr. Sandesh Patil a/w Mr. Aditya Thakkar, Mr. Shriram Shirsat and Mr. D. P Singh for the Respondent/NIA.
Mr. Deepak Thakare, PP for the Respondent/State.

CORAM : S. S. SHINDE,
MANISH PITALE, JJ
DATE : 01st MARCH 2021

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- 1 Not on board. Taken on production board.
- 2 By our order dated 22/02/2021 the under-trial was directed to be released on bail inter-alia on the following condition :-

“(b) The under-trial – Dr. P. V. Varavara Rao is directed to be discharged from the Nanavati Hospital depending

upon his health condition as on today and he be released on bail, for the present, for a period of six months on his furnishing a P. R. Bond of Rs.50,000/- and two solvent sureties in the like amount, subject to the following conditions.”

3 This criminal application is moved on behalf of the under-trial. It is submitted that some time/period would be consumed in satisfying the aforesaid condition of furnishing two solvent sureties due to Covid-19 pandemic situation, and that therefore, the under-trial may be directed to be released on his furnishing cash surety in the sum of Rs.50,000/- for a period of one month so as to enable him to arrange for the aforesaid two solvent sureties.

4 Although the learned counsel appearing for the Respondent - NIA opposed the grant of such prayer, we are of the opinion that in the interest of justice, due to prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situation, the aforesaid limited prayer can be granted.

5 Accordingly the under-trial is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing cash surety in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) and extension of time is granted till 05/04/2021 for furnishing two

solvent sureties as directed in the order dated 22/02/2021. It is made clear that all other conditions stated in the aforesaid order dated 22/02/2021 shall operate without any modification.

6 It is further made clear that the extension of time to furnish two solvent sureties is granted for the aforesaid limited period in view of Covid-19 pandemic situation.

7 The criminal application stands disposed of in above terms.

8 All concerned parties to act upon an ordinary copy of this order duly authenticated by the Court Sheristedar.

[MANISH PITALE, J]

[S. S. SHINDE , J]