HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

Dated: Nainital the 31st October, 2008 **Bail Application No. 834 of 2008**Order on the bail application of the accused

Devendra Datt S/o Late Chandi Prasad Applicant

Versus

State of Uttarakhand Opposite Party

Case Crime No. 1858 of 2008 U/s 419, 420, 468 and 471 I.P.C. Police Station New Tehri District Tehri Garhwal

Hon'ble J.C.S. Rawat, J.

Heard Mr. Alok Singh, Senior Advocate assisted by Mr. D.C.S. Rawat, Advocate for the applicant; Mr. Nandan Arya, A.G.A. for the State; and perused the record.

Learned counsel for the accused/applicant contended that the accused/applicant has been charged u/s 419, 420, 468 and 471 I.P.C. whereas the chargesheet specifically contains that the matter has been referred for obtaining the sanction u/s 12 (b) of the Passport Act; the Passport Act is a Special Act which deals with the offences pertaining to the passport whereas the provisions of the I.P.C. are of general nature; the present offence has been made punishable u/s 12-1 (b) of the Passport Act; the Act being a specific Act whereas the provisions of the I.P.C. are of general provision for the same offence; the provisions of the Passport Act would prevail upon the general law; and the offence is bailable under the passport Act.

Considering the submissions of the learned counsel for the parties; the facts and circumstances of the case; and the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of **Suresh Nanda Vs. Central Bureau of Investigation** reported in (2008) 3 SCC p/674 in para 10 and 11, I deem it fit and proper to release the applicant on bail.

Let the accused/applicant be released on bail on executing a personal bond and two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of Magistrate concerned.

(J.C.S. Rawat, J.)

Dated 31.10.2008