IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B. A. No. 5625 of 2017

Santosh Rai   ...   ...   Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand   ...   ...   Opp. Party

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner   : Mr. S. Kumar, Advocate
For the State   : Addl. P.P.

06/31.10.2017   Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as learned Addl. P.P. for the State.

Petitioner has been made accused in connection with Sukhdeo Nagar P.S. Case No. 20 of 2017 corresponding to G. R. No. 183 of 2017 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 384/386/120B/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegation against the petitioner is that the petitioner belongs to an organized gang of extortionist led by Sandeep Thapa who is in custody in Daltonganj jail. There is direct allegation against the petitioner of extorting Rs.10,000/- from the Manager of Tempo stand. Further there is allegation against the petitioner of terrorizing the persons who want to take tender of the Tempo stand. It is further submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the allegations against the petitioner are all false. The petitioner has no criminal antecedent. The petitioner is in custody since 11.01.2017 as has been mentioned in paragraph no.1 of the bail application. Hence, the petitioner may be released on bail.

Learned Addl. P.P. appearing on behalf of the State opposes the prayer for bail of the petitioner and submits that since the petitioner is a member of an organized gang of extortionist and there is direct allegation against him, hence, he ought not be released on bail.

Considering the submissions of the counsel and the fact as discussed above, I am not inclined to release the petitioner, named above, on bail at this stage.

The trial court is directed to expedite the trial of the case and complete the same preferably within a period of six months. In case, the trial is not completed within six months, the petitioner may renew his prayer for bail.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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