

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**B.A. No.773 of 2018**

Pradeep Kumar Ghosh @ Pradip Kumar Ghose	.....	Petitioner
	Versus	
The State of Jharkhand	....	Opposite Party

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.C. MISHRA**

For the Petitioner	:	Mr. Vishal Kumar Rai, Advocate
For the State	:	A. P.P.

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**4/28.02.2018**      Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the State.

Petitioner has been made accused for the offences under Sections 370, 370-A, 371, 342 of the Indian Penal Code, in connection with AHTU Khunti P.S. Case No.20 of 2015, corresponding to G.R. No.280 of 2015, S.T. No.168 of 2015.

The case relates to human trafficking and 17 victims were recovered at Bangalore, and they alleged that they were taken to Bangalore by the petitioner and other accused, where they were forced to do forced labour. Earlier prayer for bail of the petitioner was rejected on merits by order dated 10.05.2016 in B.A. No.10148 of 2015.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has renewed the prayer for bail submitting that the petitioner is in custody since 5.6.2015 itself.

In the facts and circumstances of the case and taking into consideration the period of custody of the petitioner, I am inclined to release the petitioner on bail. Accordingly, the petitioner Pradeep Kumar Ghosh @ Pradip Kumar Ghose is directed to be released on bail, on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of like amount each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Sessions Judge-1, Khunti, in connection with AHTU Khunti P.S. Case No.20 of 2015, corresponding to G.R. No.280 of 2015, S.T. No.168 of 2015.

**(H. C. Mishra, J.)**

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