

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No. 1178 of 2020**

Ravindra Prajapati ... Petitioner
Versus
The State of Jharkhand ... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

For the Petitioner : Mr. Manoj Kr. No.2, Advocate
For the State : Mr. S.K. Srivastava, Addl. P.P.

Order No.02 Dated- 28.02.2020

Apprehending his arrest in connection with Lesliganj P.S. Case No.91 of 2018 (G.R. No.642 of 2018) instituted under Sections 147/448/341/323/337 and 427 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3/4 of the Prevention of Witch (Daain) Practices Act,1999 the petitioner has moved this Court for grant of privileges of anticipatory bail.

Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned Addl.P.P. appearing for the State.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that all the allegations against the petitioner is that the petitioner trespassed into the house of the informant and called her a *daain* and outraged her modesty. It is next submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to co-operate with the investigation of the case and to pay ad interim victim compensation of Rs.3,000/- without prejudice to their defence in this case in favour of the informant namely- Hari Prajapti. It is lastly submitted that the co-accused person whose case stands on the similar footing has already been given the privilege of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 08.05.2019 in A.B.A. No.2767 of 2019. Hence, it is submitted that the petitioner be given the privileges of anticipatory bail.

Learned Addl.P.P appearing for the State opposes the prayer for anticipatory bail of the petitioner.

Considering the submissions of learned counsels and the facts and circumstances stated above, I am inclined to grant privileges of anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to surrender in the Court of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Palamau at Daltonganj within four weeks from today and in the event of his arrest or surrendering, the petitioner will be enlarged on bail on depositing a demand draft of Rs.3,000/- as ad interim victim compensation without prejudice to his defence in this case drawn in favour of the informant namely- Hari Prajapti and on furnishing bail bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty five thousand) with two sureties of the like amount to the satisfaction of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Palamau at Daltonganj in connection with Lesliganj P.S. Case No.91 of 2018 (G.R. No.642 of 2018) with the condition that the petitioner will cooperate with the investigation of the case and appear before the Investigating Officer as and when noticed by him and will furnish his mobile number and a copy of his Aadhar Card in the court below with the undertaking that he will not change his mobile number during the pendency of the case subject to the conditions laid down under section 438 (2) Cr. P.C.

In case the petitioner deposits the said demand drafts, the court below is directed to issue notice to the informant namely- Hari Prajapti and on his proper identification, the court below shall handover the same to him forthwith.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

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