In Chamber

Case: - CRIMINAL MISC ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION U/S 438 CR.P.C. No. - 2680 of 2020

Applicant :- Veerpal And Another **Opposite Party :-** State of U.P. **Counsel for Applicant :-** Sanjay Singh **Counsel for Opposite Party :-** G.A.

Hon'ble Siddharth, J.

In view of the guidelines laid down by this Court, the urgent bail applications have been directed to be heard through Video Conferencing.

Heard learned counsel for the applicants and Sri Amrit Lal Chaursiya, learned AGA, through Video Conferencing.

The instant Anticipatory Bail Application has been filed with a prayer to grant an anticipatory bail to the applicants, namely, Veerpal and Mohit, in Case Crime No. 0089 of 2020, under Sections 3/7 Essential Commodities Act , Police Station - Doghat, District - baghpat.

It has been submitted that the applicant no.1 is fairprice shop dealer. The complaint was filed by some card holders alleging that he has not distributed the essential commodities properly. Applicant has got stock register. The allegation in the First Information Report is that rice was found excess which proved that applicant did not distributed the same proportionately. It has been submitted that excess of stock does not gives rise to presumption of black-marketing. No preliminary inquiry was conducted before implicating the applicants. The investigation is in progress. The applicant has no criminal history to his credit. Applicants have definite apprehension of their arrest by the police.

Learned AGA has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail of the applicant.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and considering the nature of accusation and his antecedents, the applicant is entitled to be released on anticipatory bail in this case for the limited period considering the exception considered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Sushila Aggarwal Vs. State (NCT of Delhi)-2020 SCC Online SC 98.

In the event of arrest of the applicants shall be released on anticipatory bail till the submission of police report, if any, under section 173 (2) Cr.P.C. before the competent Court on furnishing a personal bond of Rs.25,000/- with two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Station House Officer of the police station concerned with the following conditions:-

- (i) The applicants shall make himself available for interrogation by a police office as and when required;
- (ii) The applicants shall not directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police office;
- (iii) The applicants shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court and if he has passport, the same shall be deposited by him before the S.S.P./S.P. concerned.
- (iv) The party shall file computer generated copy of such order downloaded from the official website of High Court Allahabad.
- (v) The concerned Court/Authority/Official shall verify the authenticity of such computerized copy of the order from the official website of High Court Allahabad and shall make a declaration of such verification in writing.

In default of any of the conditions, the Investigating Officer is at liberty to file appropriate application for cancellation of anticipatory bail granted to the applicant.

The Investigating Officer is directed to conclude the investigation of the present case in accordance with law, expeditiously, independently without being prejudiced by any observations made by this Court while considering and deciding the present anticipatory bail application of the applicants.

The applicants are directed to produce a copy of this order downloaded from the official website of this Court before the S.S.P./S.P. concerned within ten days from today, who shall ensure the compliance of present order.

Order Date :- 30.5.2020 Atul kr. sri.

Digitally signed by JUSTICE SIDDHARTH Date: 2020.06.01 10:05:14 IST Reason: Document Owner Location: High Court of Judicature at Allahabad