

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
A.B.A. No.3005 of 2024

Sibu Mehta @ Shiv Kumar, aged about 30 years, son of Damodar Prasad, resident of Nagwan, PO and PS Korrah, District Hazaribag
... **Petitioner(s).**

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ... **Opposite Party(s).**

CORAM : SRI ANANDA SEN, J.

For the Petitioner(s) : Mr. Ranjit Kumar, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Satish Kumar Keshri, APP

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03 /31.08.2024: Heard, learned counsel for the petitioner and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. The petitioner is praying for grant of his anticipatory bail for allegedly committing offence punishable under Section(s) 272, 273, 290, 414 of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 47(a) of Excise Act in connection with Ichak PS Case No. 84 of 2019.

3. From the impugned order, I find that the anticipatory bail of the petitioner which was filed before the Sessions Court vide ABP No. 1069 of 2019 was rejected. There is nothing on record to suggest that the petitioner thereafter had challenged the said order before the High Court. He filed a fresh Anticipatory Bail Application which is numbered as ABP No. 1814 of 2023 before the Additional Sessions Judge-IV at Hazaribag. It is clear that from 2019 to 2023 the petitioner was not arrested and rather in 2023 he had filed fresh Anticipatory Bail Application which suggests that the petitioner didn't cooperated with the investigation rather fled from the same. Further in the counter-affidavit, the Officer In-charge at paragraph no. 14 has stated that the petitioner fled from his house.

4. The petitioner is trying to evade the investigation, thus, I am not inclined to grant the privilege of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Accordingly, this Anticipatory Bail Application is dismissed.

(ANANDA SEN, J.)

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