IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
B.A No.7898 of 2022

2022:JHHC:26659

Abhay Kumar ..... **Petitioner**

Versus

The Union of India through C.B.I ..... **Opp. Party**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. Indrajit Sinha, Advocate
Mr. Kumar Harsh, Advocate
For the C.B.I : Mr. Prashant Pallav, A.S.G.I

04/Dated: 04th August, 2022

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned A.S.G.I., appearing on behalf of the C.B.I.

2. The applicant, who has been made an accused under the Prevention of Corruption Act, is in custody since 03.06.2022, has approached this Court for grant of regular bail in connection with R.C. Case No.03(A)/2022-R, registered for the offence under Sections 120B of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 7 & 8 of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

3. It appears that the applicant works as General Manager of the Rail India Technical & Economic Services Limited (R.I.T.E.S), a Central Government Public Sector Undertaking, Ranchi. It has been alleged that he has demanded bribe of Rs.10,00,000/- from a contractor for processing his bills, one for the awarded work and another which is in the pipeline. It further appears that on trap made by the raiding team of the C.B.I., A.C.B., Ranchi, the applicant has been intercepted with Rs.2,72,500/-.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant claims innocence of the applicant and it has been submitted that the investigation is complete and the charge-sheet has also been filed. It has further been submitted that the applicant undertakes to participate in the trial and he will not temper with evidence. The applicant also undertakes that he will provide his mobile number in the trial court which he will keep active throughout the trial. On the above basis, the prayer for bail has been made.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for the C.B.I has opposed the prayer for bail stating that there is clinching evidence available on record which suggests the involvement of this applicant in commission of the alleged crime.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of record, it appears that it is a *prima-facie* case under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The investigation is complete and the charge-sheet has also been filed.

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Considering the period of custody and the fact that the investigation is complete, I am inclined to enlarge the applicant on bail. Accordingly, the applicant is directed to be released on bail, on his furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of learned A.J.C. - XVIII -cum- Spl. Judge, C.B.I., Ranchi in connection with R.C. Case No.03(A)/2022-R, on the condition that the applicant will co-operate with the trial, and further the applicant will submit self-attested photocopy of his Aadhaar Card and also submit his mobile number before the learned court below which he will always keep active and will not change it during pendency of this case without prior permission of the court.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

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