

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

B.A. No. 7480 of 2022

Manish Kumar Sahu @ Manish Kumar ... Petitioner

-Versus-

The State of Jharkhand ... Opposite Party

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RATNAKER BHENGRA

For the Petitioner :- Mr. Mohit Prakash, Advocate;
Mrs. Vani Kumari, Advocate

For the State :- Ms. Mohua Palit, APP

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03/16.08.2022: Heard both the counsels.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence whatsoever. The learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner is not named in the FIR. The petitioner has falsely been implicated in this case on the basis of confessional statement of the co-accused, namely, Anmol Sahu and Rohit Thakur. The learned counsel has further submitted that the said two co-accused, namely, Anmol Sahu in BA No.7271 of 2022 and Rohit Thakur in BA No.7714 of 2022 have been granted bail by co-ordinate Benches of this Court *vide* orders dated 27.07.2022 and 05.08.2022 respectively. Therefore, the case of the petitioner stands on better footing than that of the said co-accused. Moreover, the petitioner is in custody since 07.05.2022. Therefore, petitioner may be released on bail.

Learned APP, appearing on behalf of the State, has vehemently opposed the bail application of the petitioner and has submitted that the murder has been committed by the petitioner, however, does not deny the cited bail orders.

Having gone through the records of the case and the arguments advanced by the learned counsel for both the sides, present petitioner, named above, is ordered to be released on bail on executing bail bonds of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gumla in connection with Gumla P.S. Case No. 144 of 2022, subject to the

conditions that (i) the petitioner shall report to the concerned police station on last Saturday of every month between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM in the next twelve months, failing which his bail bonds shall be cancelled. Any exemption to such attendance shall be done so after direction from the learned Court below and (ii) the petitioner shall also remain present on each and every date of trial before the learned Court below unless dispensed with by the learned Court below.

(Ratnaker Bhengra, J.)

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