

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 691 OF 2020
(Arising out of SLP (Criminal) No.4225 of 2020)

SATRI ANITA

Appellant

VERSUS

STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH

Respondent

ORDER

Leave granted.

This appeal arises out of the order dated 06.08.2020 passed by the High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amravati in Criminal Petition No.2266 of 2020.

Apprehending arrest in crime registered pursuant to FIR No.38/2017 dated 21.03.2017 with Police Station Kodumur, District, Kurnool for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 506 read with Section 34 IPC, the appellant preferred application under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 ('the Code' for short).

The application having been rejected by the High Court, the present appeal has been preferred.

While issuing notice, the appellant was granted protection against arrest in connection with the aforesaid crime.

We have heard Mr. Nitin Saluja, learned Advocate in support of the petition and Mr. Mahfooz Ahsan Nazki, learned Advocate for the State.

With the able assistance of the learned counsel, we have gone through the record and are of the view that the appellant is entitled to the protection under Section 438 of the Code.

We, therefore, make the interim order dated 28.09.2020 absolute and direct that in case the appellant is arrested in connection with the aforesaid crime, the Arresting Officer shall release the appellant on bail on furnishing cash security in the sum of Rs.50000/- with two like sureties.

The appellant shall render complete co-operation in the investigation and shall make herself available for interrogation and such processes as may be issued by the Investigating Officer from time to time.

The appellant shall not in any manner try to influence any of the witnesses. Any infraction in that behalf shall entail in cancellation of benefit granted under this order.

The benefit granted under this order shall be available till the filing of the charge-sheet; whereafter the status of the appellant shall be subject to such order as the Trial Court may deem appropriate to pass.

The appeal is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

.....J.
[UDAY UMESH LALIT]

.....J.
[S. RAVINDRA BHAT]

NEW DELHI;
OCTOBER 16, 2020.

