Dt. 09.05.2022 B.A. 322/2022 in R.A. 2491/2022

CORAM: H.H.J. SHRI. DEEPAK D. ALMALE, ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE (C.R. NO. 45)

APP Soshte for State present.
Advocate Chate for applicant present.
Say filed by Ld. APP.

Order Below Bail Application No. 322/2022

Applicant/Accused *Bharat Laxman Munde* has moved present application for bail u/s. 167(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure on the ground of in-spite of expiry of 60 days period, investigation officer failed to present charge-sheet in the court therefore accused be released on default bail.

Application is objected by Ld. APP. by filing say overleaf application.

I heard argument advance on behalf of both the parties at length.

I have gone through the report filed by the concern clerk stating that as on today till 11.30 a.m. charge-sheet is not filed by the IO.

Perusal of record & proceeding vide R.A. No. 249/2022 in Cr. No. 13/2022, it is noticed that accused came to be arrested on 08/03/2022. Since then applicant/accused is in judicial custody. Upon calculation period of 60 days expires on 07/05/2022. Offence punishable u/s. 7 & 7-A of Prevention of Corruption Act are punishable below 7 years of imprisonment. So the IO was under obligation to file the charge-sheet within period of 60 days i.e. on or before 07/05/2022. However, perusal of report filed by the concern clerk, it appears that till today charge-sheet is not filed by the IO.

As Investigation Officer failed to present the charge-sheet within the stipulated period of 60 days therefore applicant/accused is entitled for default bail in view of Sec. 167 (2) of Code of Criminal Procedure. Hence following order is passed:-

ORDER

- 1. Bail Application No. 322/2022 is allowed.
- **2.** Applicant/Accused Bharat Laxman Munde be released on bail in connection with Cr. No. 13/2022 on execution of PB & SB of Rs. 25,000/- with condition that he shall assist to the IO and shall appear before IO as and when required.
- **3.** Accused shall not direct and indirect cause any threat, promise or inducement to the prosecution witnesses.
- **4.** Copy of order be forwarded to the ACP (ACB) Gr. Bombay for taking appropriate action against the IO.

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5. Registrar (S) to accept cash surety amount after treasury hours.			
6. Bail Application No. 322/2022 is disposed of			
<u>Exh-2</u> Advocate of accused filed application for provisional cash bail. O-Call say of APP.			
ORDER_			
Read the say filed by Ld. APP. Heard both sides. Considering the reason mentioned in the application, applicant/accused be released on provisional cash bail of Rs. 25,000/- with condition that he shall furnish surety on or before 06/06/2022. Application Exh-2 is disposed of.			