IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI Criminal Revision No.170 of 2021

Ravi Karmali ... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Jharkhand ... Opposite Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH KUMAR

For the Petitioner : Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Adv.

For the State : Mr. Praveen Kr. Appu, A.P.P.

The matter was taken up through Video Conferencing. Learned counsel for the parties had no objections with it and submitted that the audio and video qualities are good.

<u>07/07.09.2021</u>: The instant revision application has been filed against the judgment dated 23.02.2021 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-1, Hazaribag in Criminal Appeal (Juvenile) No.05 of 2021, whereby and whereunder the petitioner preferred the appeal against the order dated 25.01.2021 by which the prayer for bail of the petitioner has been rejected by the learned Principal Magistrate, J.J. Board, Hazaribag, in connection with Barkagaon P.S. Case No.222 of 2020, registered for the offence under Sections 147, 148, 149, 385, 387, 342, 435, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 17 of the C.L.A. Act. Now, the case is pending in the court of the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Hazaribag.

It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is in observation home since 14.11.2020 and aged about 17 years. It has been stated that the *pairwikar* is the father of the petitioner and he is ready and willing to keep his minor son in his proper custody. On this basis, prayer for bail has been made.

From perusal of social investigation report, it appears that the juvenile is sincere in his study and the family members are also sincere towards the study of the juvenile. He has good reputation in the school. The father of the juvenile assured that he will give more time to the juvenile and will make sure that he does not fell in bad company again.

Learned counsel for the State has opposed the prayer for bail.

Considering the social investigation report and the mandate under Section 3 of the J.J. Act, the Court is of the opinion that the minor

should be released in favour of the father who is the *pairwikar* in the present case. Accordingly, the petitioner, above named, is directed to be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) with two sureties of the like amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Hazaribag in connection with Barkagaon P.S. Case No.222 of 2020, subject to condition that one of the bailors will be the father of the petitioner.

Further, concerned Probation Officer is directed to report once in a month, to the Juvenile Justice Board, Hazaribag regarding the upkeeping of the minor.

Accordingly, instant criminal revision being Criminal Revision No.170 of 2021 is allowed and the impugned judgment dated 23.02.2021 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-1, Hazaribag in Criminal Appeal (Juvenile) No.05 of 2021 is, hereby, set aside.

(Rajesh Kumar, J.)

Amar/-