ITEM NO.5

COURT NO.9

SECTION II

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA 205531
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 10132/2023

(Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 21-04-2023 in SBCRLMTBA No. 12385/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jodhpur)

DEVA RAM

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF RAJASTHAN

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 152306/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 152308/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date: 05-10-2023 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HRISHIKESH ROY

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Namit Saxena, AOR

Mr. Awnish Maithani, Adv.

Mr. Shivam Raghuwanshi, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Rahul Kumar, Adv.

Ms. Kavita Bhardwaj, Adv.

Mr. Vishesh Kumar, Adv.

Mr. Shubham Sethi, Adv.

Ms. Pragati Neekhra, AOR

Mrs. Aishwarya Bhati, A.S.G.

Mr. Rustam Singh Chauhan, Adv.

Mr. Rajat Nair, Adv.

Mr. Kanu Agarwal, Adv.

Mrs. Swarupama Chaturvedi, Adv.

Mr. Pratyush Shrivastava, Adv.

Mr. Arvind Kumar Sharma, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

ORDER

Heard Mr. Namit Saxena, learned counsel appearing for the

petitioner. The Narcotic Control Bureau is represented by Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, assisted by Mr. Rustam Singh Chauhan, learned counsel. The State of Rajasthan is represented by Mr. Rahul Kumar, learned counsel but the counsel submits that it is the Narcotic Control Bureau which is the correct party and not the State of Rajasthan.

- 2. The petitioner is the accused in the FIR No. 10 of 2017 registered with the Police Station Narcotic Control Bureau, Jodhpur. The Contraband in question is about 10-12 kg of Opium and the petitioner is in custody for last about 6 years 2 months since he was arrested on 19.08.2017.
- 3. The learned ASG submits that by now, four prosecution witnesses have testified before the trial court and only eight more witnesses remain as cross-examination of the fifth witness is going on.
- 4. The above would show that trial is not likely to conclude on a near date. In the meantime, the petitioner has been incarcerated for over four years as an under-trial prisoner.
- 5. Taking note of the aforesaid circumstances, we grant bail to the petitioner Deva Ram subject to appropriate bail conditions to be imposed by the Special Judge, NDPS Cases, Bali, District Pali, Rajasthan.
- 6. With the above, the Special Leave Petition stands disposed of.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NITIN TALREJA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(KAMLESH RAWAT)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA ORDER XXII RULE 2(1)

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

(Under Article 136 of the Constitution of India)

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL) NO. 1013 / /2023

(WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF)

[Against the impugned judgment and final order dated 21.04.2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan, bench at Jodhpur in SB Criminal Misc. Third Bail Application No. 12385/2022.]

IN THE MATTER OF:

BETWEEN

POSITION OF PARTIES

BEFORE THE TRIAL COURT

IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT IN THIS HON'BLE COURT

1. DEVA RAM

ACCUSED

PETITIONER

PETITIONER

S/o Shri

Achalaram,

Aged about 30

years,

R/o Jhanvar

Police Station,

Jhanvar, Jodhpur,

Rajasthan.

(At

Present

lodged in Sub Jail

Bali District Pali)

VERSUS

1. STATE OF PROSECUTION RESPONDENT RAJASTHAN

Through SHO, Narcotic Control

Bureau,

Jodhpur

Region-I,

Rajasthan.

TO, HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA AND HIS COMPANION JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA



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SUPREME-COURT OF INDIA



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