

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRL.M.P.NO.6929 OF 2007

IN

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL.)NO.162 OF 2000

RAMESH NARANG

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

C.B.I.

Respondent(s)

ORDER

SLP(Crl.)No.162/2000:

The following order was passed in this special leave petition on 3.4.2001 :

"Heard learned counsels for the parties. In view of the fact that the petitioner has been in jail from October 1998 and the trial has not yet commenced, we consider it just and appropriate to direct release of the petitioner on bail subject to the following conditions:

(i) his furnishing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) and two sureties in the like sum to the satisfaction of the Additional Sessions Judge, Gurdeep Kumar, Additional Sessions Judge, Delhi;

(ii) while the petitioner remains on bail, he should not enter the limits of Delhi State except on the date fixed for hearing of the case; and

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(iii) he shall report at the Police Station Panchkula (Haryana State) where he proposes to reside, once in two weeks".

In the event of the petitioner approaching the witnesses or doing any act which is likely to interfere with the trial of the case, the respondents CBI is given liberty to move for cancellation of the bail."

The learned counsel for the respondent(C.B.I.) states that trial has commenced and 9 witnesses have been examined.

The petitioner, who appears in person, states that as many as 73 witnesses have been cited and the matter is likely to be taken for a long time and, therefore, the condition stipulated in the order of 3.4.2001 that he should not enter the limits of Delhi except on the dates fixed for hearing, should be cancelled.

The said order has been in force from 3.4.2001. The said direction was made obviously to ensure that there was no tampering of witnesses. In the facts and circumstances, we feel that the interests of justice would be served if we request the trial court to expedite the matter. The trial court should endeavour to dispose of the matter within six months. If it is not so done, liberty is reserved to the petitioner to renew the application.

The Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is disposed of accordingly.

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(R.V. RAVEENDRAN)

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(B. SUDERSHAN REDDY)

NEW DELHI;  
29TH AUGUST, 2007.

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SECTION II

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CRLMP.NO. 6929/2007 in Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Cr1) No(s).162/2000  
(From the judgement and order dated 24/12/1999 in CRLM No. 2438/1999 of  
The HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT N. DELHI)

