

ITEM NO.31 Court 1 (Video Conferencing) SECTION II-C

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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (CrL.) No(s).3468/2021

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-10-2020 in CRA No.97/2020 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur)

MANDRA NAGESH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION AND I.R.)

Date : 25-10-2021 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HIMA KOHLI

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Vikrant Singh Bais, AOR

For Respondent(s) Ms. Prachi Mishra, AAG
Mr. Nishanth Patil, AOR
Mr. Chaitanya, Adv.
Ms. Shubhika Saluja, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

The Court is convened through Video Conferencing.

Feeling aggrieved by dismissal of his appeal by the High Court, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of filing the present special leave petition.

Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as also the learned Additional Advocate General appearing on behalf of the respondent - State.

Although learned Additional Advocate General vehemently opposed the prayer for granting bail to the petitioner herein yet taking into consideration the facts that the petitioner has suffered incarceration for a period of more than 2 years and 8

months, investigation is complete, chargesheet has been filed, out of 17 witnesses, only 8 have been examined and the trial is likely to take long time as also the fact that the co-accused has been granted bail by this Court vide order dated 22.02.2021 passed in SLP(Cr1.)No.6311/2020, we are of the opinion that it is fit case to grant him bail.

The petitioner is, accordingly, directed to be enlarged on bail on terms and conditions to be imposed by the trial court.

The special leave petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(R.S. NARAYANAN)
COURT MASTER (NSH)