

**IN THE COURT OF THE SESSIONS JUDGE SONITPUR:: TEZPUR**

**CRIMINAL REVISION NO. 34 (S-3)/2022**

**PRESENT : Sri Chatra Bhukhan Gogoi  
Sessions Judge,  
Sonitpur, Tezpur.**

Sri Rup Jyoti Baruah, LAC, DLSA, Sonitpur at Tezpur.

..... **Petitioner.**

**- Versus -**

1. State of Assam

..... **Respondent.**

**A P P E A R A N C E**

For the Petitioner : Sri Rup Jyoti Baruah, LAC.

For the State : Sri Munin Ch Baruah, P.P.

**Date of Hearing : 07-09-2022.**

**Date of Judgment : 07-09-2022.**

**J U D G M E N T**

**1.** This is an application u/s 397/399 of Cr.P.C. against the impugned order dated 31-08-2022 passed by learned SDJM, Sonitpur, Tezpur in P.R. Case No. 1063/2022 u/s 392 IPC.

**2.** It is pleaded in the petition that as per direction of the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) Suo Motu Case No. 08/2018, the petitioner filed application before the learned Magistrate for change/ alteration of bail condition of the accused person which was rejected by the learned Magistrate by assigning reasons vide order dated 31-08-2022.

3. Being highly aggrieved and dissatisfied by the said order dated 31-08-2022 passed by learned Magistrate, the petitioner preferred the present revision petition in order to invoke the powers granted u/s 440(2) Cr.P.C.

**4. Point for determination:**

*Whether the impugned order dated 31-08-2022 passed by learned SDJM, Sonitpur, Tezpur in P.R. Case No. 1063/2022 is incorrect, illegal, improper and without jurisdiction making it liable to be revised, modified or set aside?*

**DISCUSSION, DECISION AND REASONS THEREOF.**

5. I have heard the arduous contention of the learned lawyers appearing for both sides and carefully scanned the impugned order dated 31-08-2022 passed by learned SDJM, Tezpur, Sonitpur in P.R. Case No. 1063/2022 as well as the other materials available in the case record.

6. Now, the matter having been drawn to the attention of this court and on perusal of Section 440(2) Cr.P.C. it transpires that only Hon'ble High Court or the court of Sessions may have the power to reduce bail condition. The Magistrate has no power to exercise power u/s 440(2) Cr.P.C. As such, there is no illegality or infirmity in the order of the learned Magistrate. Nevertheless, since the power has been vested with this court and in view of the order of the Hon'ble High Court passed in WP(C) (Suo Motu) No. 08/2018, the condition of bail is required to be modified by this court.

7. On perusal of the record, it transpires that on 26-04-2022 accused Papu Singh was allowed to go on bail of ₹15,000/- with one surety of like amount i/d jail, on completion of statutory period of 60 days in judicial custody but, in spite of granting bail, accused is unable to release himself from jail by submitting bail bond even after lapse of almost 4 (four) months from the date of granting bail.

8. Case record also reveals that on 07-06-2022 I.O. has submitted charge sheet against accused Papu Singh & Bhaskar Kalita u/s 392 IPC and learned Magistrate vide order dated 18-07-2022 framed charge against accused persons

u/s 392 IPC. However, the case is at the stage of argument and soon attain its finality.

**9.** As such, having heard the learned lawyers appearing for both sides and taking into consideration of all the attending factors and the order of the Hon'ble High Court passed in WP(C) (Suo Motu) No. 08/2018, the bail condition of accused has been altered/ modified to the extent that the security amount of ₹15,000/- is reduced/ relaxed to ₹8,000/- (Rupees Eight Thousand) with one surety of like amount i/d jail so that, accused can get himself release from jail. Given the nature of punishment prescribed in the offence, this court altogether do not consider it a fit case to release the accused on P.R. Bond.

**10.** In view of the foregoing discussion and reason, the order dated 31-08-2022 is modified to the extent indicated above. Consequently, the revision is allowed.

**11.** Let the case record of P.R. Case No. 1063/2022 be sent back along with a copy of this Judgment to the Court of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Tezpur, Sonitpur for information and doing the needful.

**12.** Judgment is signed, sealed and delivered in the open court on this **07<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.**

**(C.B. Gogoi)**  
**Sessions Judge,**  
**Sonitpur: Tezpur.**

Dictated and corrected by me.

**(C.B. Gogoi)**  
**Sessions Judge,**  
**Sonitpur, Tezpur.**