

New twist, Jignesh Mevani's bail plea rejected in assault case



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Just after receiving bail, MLA Mevani was re-arrested by the Kokrajhar police as per a new FIR filed against him on Monday.

An Assam court on Tuesday rejected Mevani's bail plea in the case in relation to the alleged assault of a police official. The court remanded him to five days in police custody.

As per the report, a new FIR was filed against Mevani by a female police officer named Devika Brahma, who had alleged Mevani uttered slang and misbehaved with her while she was escorting Mevani from Guwahati Airport to Kokrajhar district, who was previously arrested for making derogatory remarks against PM Modi on Twitter.

“During the way, just after crossing the Simalguri point of Barpeta district around 1.30 p.m., the arrested accused person uttered slang words towards me. When I asked him to behave properly, he used more slang words. He pointed fingers at me and tried to frighten me and pushed me on my seat with force. He thus assaulted me during the execution of my legal duty of being a public servant and outraged my modesty by touching me inappropriately while pushing,” meant her complaint.

Mevani has been booked under sections 294(obscene act in public), 323(punishment for voluntary causing hurt), 353 (obstructing public servant availing his duty) and 354(Assault or criminal force on woman with intent to outrage her modesty) by the Indian Penal Code(IPC).

According to sources, the latter was granted bail in the matter by Kokrajhar First Class Judicial Magistrate Bhavna on furnishing a bond of Rs 30,000 with two sureties.

The court had also directed him not to “directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any persons acquainted with the case”.

But soon after Mevani managed his bail, odd development led to the case. He was again booked under aforementioned sections.

Following the matter, the human rights agency, Amnesty International, had finally been seen raising its voice. Responding to the rearrest of Mevani, Aakar Patel, chairman, Amnesty International's India Board, claims it to be a violation of human rights.

“The fact that Jignesh Mevani was arrested for a second time immediately after granting bail reveals the authorities' utter disregard for the rule of law and their intention to escalate the ongoing crackdown on dissent.” mentions Patel.

Mevani's lawyer, Angshuman Bora, informed PTI that the allegations were atrocious.

Bora added that the prosecution had not mentioned the allegations when Mevani was in police custody for three days in connection with the case involving tweets about the prime minister.

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