

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**Criminal Misc. No. M-11373 of 2015
Date of Decision:-18.9.2015**

Depak Sethi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. Simranjeet Singh Sarwara, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurinderjit Singh, Deputy A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.123 dated 23.11.2014, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Banur, District Patiala.

This Court vide order dated 09.4.2015, while issuing notice of motion, has granted interim bail to the petitioner subject to joining the investigation as and when directed by the Investigating Agency/Investigating Officer and to abide by the terms and conditions laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. However, vide order dated 28.7.2015,

learned State on instructions from ASI Amrik Singh has stated that the petitioner is not co-operating with the investigation and this Court has directed the petitioner again to join the investigation and to appear before the Investigating Officer on 29.7.2015 at 11.00 a.m. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had appeared before the Investigating Officer on 29.7.2015 at 11.00 a.m. and thereafter on 29.8.2015, 30.8.2015, 1.9.2015 and on 8.9.2015 at 4.00 p.m.

Learned State counsel, who is assisted by ASI Amrik Singh, has stated that in terms of the above order the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed and interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 9.4.2015 are made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions, as laid down under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

September 18, 2015
Vijay Asija

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE