

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-12412 of 2015
Date of Decision: 16.07.2015**

Baljit

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana

...Respondent(s)

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. N.K. Malhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kapil Aggarwal, Addl.A.G., Haryana.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in the present petition filed under Section 438 CrPC is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.130 dated 31.3.2015 under Sections 376, 506, 377 IPC, registered at Police Station Sampla, District Rohtak.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that pursuant to order dated 22.4.2015 of this Court, the petitioner has joined investigation.

At this stage, Mr. Saurabh Dalal, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant namely Sona Devi and has

opposed the bail application on the ground that the offences against the petitioner are serious in nature.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Rajbir Singh, submits that pursuant to order dated 22.4.2015, petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is no more required at this stage.

Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 22.4.2015 passed by this Court is 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) CrPC.

It is made clear that nothing stated here-in-above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial Court shall consider and decide the case on the basis of available evidence.

July 16, 2015
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE