

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

CRM-M -22176 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: 29.09.2017

Inder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN**

Present: Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate for  
Mr. A.S. Manaise, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab  
assisted by SI Amandeep Singh.

Mr. Kashmir Singh, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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**Jitendra Chauhan, J. (Oral)**

By filing the present petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the petitioner has sought anticipatory bail in FIR No.70 dated 02.05.2017, registered under Sections 498-A and 406 of IPC, at Police Station Sadar Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

On 16.06.2017, this Court had passed the following order:-

*“The petitioner, who is 76 years old, is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.70, dated 02.05.2017, under Sections 498-A, 406 IPC, registered at Police Station Sadar Hoshiarpur.*

*Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations against the petitioner are that he had backed out from the compromise dated 22.08.2016, whereby he was to pay the complainant a sum of Rs.7,50,000/-. The alleged compromise is stated to have been arrived at between the petitioner, his wife and the complainant, who is their daughter-in-law as the son of the petitioner is unfortunately missing since 08.07.2016.*

*Issue notice to respondents for 21.07.2017.*

*In the meantime, petitioner is directed to appear*

*before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation.  
In the event of his arrest, the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer shall release the petitioner on ad-interim bail subject to his/her satisfaction. The petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and he shall remain bound by the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”*

It is contended that in pursuance of the order dated 16.06.2017, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

The learned State counsel, on instructions submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 opposes the bail petition.

Considering the ripe age of the petitioner and fact that he has repeatedly joined the investigation, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 16.06.2017, is made absolute, subject to furnishing bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, concerned.

The petition stands allowed.

29.09.2017

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**(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether speaking/reasoned : | Yes | No |
| Whether Reportable:         | Yes | No |