

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

CRM No.M-46106 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision: January 12, 2017

Manjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Navjinder Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deep Singh, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab,
for the respondent-State.

Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate
for the complainant.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioner-Manjit Singh has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for brevity, 'Cr.P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.08 dated 16.01.2016, registered at Police Station Doraha, District Ludhiana, under Sections 307, 323, 325, 506, 148, 149, 201 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code (for brevity, 'IPC') and Section 302 IPC, which has been added later on.

Notice of motion was issued in this case.

Learned State counsel has put in appearance on behalf of the respondent-State and Mr. Manuj Nagrath, Advocate has appeared on behalf of the complainant and contested this petition.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner, learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for complainant and have gone through

the record.

From the record, I find that though, the petitioner was named in the FIR, but was not challaned by the police. He has been stated to be only present at the spot with a *kirpan*. No injury has been attributed to him. He has been summoned under Section 193 Cr.P.C. and he has now only to face the trial.

In pursuance of the interim order dated 23.12.2016, passed by this Court, the petitioner has already appeared before the trial Court and has been released on interim bail. No useful purpose would be served by sending the petitioner to custody.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the present case and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I find merit in this petition and the same is allowed. The order dated 23.12.2016, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute.

January 12, 2017

parveen kumar

(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes
Whether Reportable	:	No