

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

**CRM-M No. 53312 of 2018
Date of Decision:-09.01.2019**

Happy Thappar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present:- Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ 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. 206 dated 29.10.2018, under Section 3(1)(r)(s) of the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (Amendment 2015), registered at Police Station Canal Colony, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

On 03.12.2018, this Court had passed the following order:-

“ Notice of motion for 09.01.2019.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also

abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

To be heard along with CRM-M-51779-2018.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in pursuance of the order dated 03.12.2018, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel on instructions of ASI Gurjeet Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 03.12.2018, is made absolute.

The petition stands allowed.

January 09, 2019
Vijay Asija

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No