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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.14080 of 2020 (O&M)
Decided on: 02.09.2020

Kulwant Singh @ Kulwant Lal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present : Mr. Piyush Khanna , Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.65 dated 24.05.2020, registered under Sections 323, 354-B, 452, 34 IPC at Police Station Chabbewal, District Hoshiarpur.

The operative part of the order dated 15.06.2020, vide which interim anticipatory bail has been granted to the petitioner, is reproduced as under:-

“...Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) based on pleadings, submits that parties are related to each other and the dispute is allegedly between the family members. The fight had taken place on account of some dispute regarding drainage, as both parties are stated to be living in neighbourhood. To substantiate the above, learned counsel submits that there is delay in recording of the FIR, which clearly appears to be an after thought. He then submits that the complainant is Bhabhi of petitioner-Kulwant Singh @Kulwant Lal and is also Bhabhi of Madan Lal father of Bhupinder Singh. He states that the

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dispute between the parties can be resolved. He further states that the petitioners are ready to join the investigation. He, however, submits that due to COVID-19 situation, detention of the petitioners in jail may be dangerous for their lives.

In view of the peculiar facts as mentioned above and keeping in view the present COVID-19 situation, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioners, to join investigation.

List on 02.09.2020....”

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that, in pursuance to the order dated 15.06.2020, the petitioner has appeared before the Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Jarnail Singh, has not disputed the aforesaid fact and submits that the petitioner is no more required for further investigation.

In view of the above, this petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 15.06.2020 is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No