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

**CRM-M-21081-2020
Date of Order: 22.09.2020**

SIMRANJIT SINGH

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Krishan Sehajpal, Advocate for petitioner.
Mr. N.K. Banka, DAG, Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr.P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail to petitioner, in case FIR No.18 dated 07.03.2019 under Sections 323, 324, 506, 148, 149 of IPC, Section 326 IPC added later on, registered at Police Station Sadar Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

On 30.07.2020, while issuing notice of motion, the Coordinate Bench of this Court passed the following order:-

“Case taken up through video conferencing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner has not been attributed any injury and that the similarly situated co-accused have already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court.

Notice of motion.

Mr.J.S.Ghumman, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and prays for time to argue the matter.

Adjourned to 22.09.2020.

In the meanwhile subject to the petitioner's joining investigation as and when called by the investigating agency as also abiding by the other conditions provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C, in the event of his arrest in FIR No.18 dated 07.03.2019 registered under Sections 323, 324, 506, 148 and

149 IPC (Section 326 IPC added later on) at Police Station Sadar Nakodar, District Jalandhar he shall be released on ad interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer. ”

Contends that in terms of the above order, petitioner has already joined investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Loveleen Kumar has acknowledged the above factual position and stated that the petitioner has joined investigation and nothing incriminating has been recovered, therefore, his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the above, petition is allowed. Order dated 30.07.2020 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the provisions of Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

However, it is made clear that the petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

22 September, 2020
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No