

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

CRM-M-22615-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 22.09.2020

Surinder Kumar @ Vadda Chiddi

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. R.S. Manhas, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Sandhu, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

This order shall dispose of the instant petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking concession of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.96, dated 08.05.2020, under Sections 324/506/34 IPC (Section 326 IPC added subsequently), registered at Police Station Division No.2, Pathankot, District Pathankot.

While issuing notice of motion, the following order was passed by this Court on 13.08.2020:

“Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner seeks concession of anticipatory bail in a cross-case registered vide Report No.35 dated 26.05.2020 in FIR No.96 dated 08.05.2020 under Section 324, 506 and 34 IPC (Section 326 IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Division No.2, Pathankot, District Pathankot.

An advance copy of the petition already stood served upon the State of Punjab. Mr. A.S. Sandhu, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab joined proceedings.

Counsel for the parties are ad-idem that co-accused, Ranjit Singh @ Jeet has been granted ad interim protection vide order dated 04.08.2020 in CRM-M-21538-2020. The present petitioner is stated to be at par with co-accused, Ranjit Singh @ Jeet.

Notice of motion, returnable for 22.09.2020.

To be listed along with CRM-M-21538-2020.

In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to appear before Investigating Officer and to join investigation.

In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting/Investigating Officer. 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.”

Learned State counsel upon instructions from ASI Ram Lal informs the Court that the the petitioner has since joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, petition is allowed.

Order dated 13.08.2020 passed by this Court is made absolute.

22.09.2020

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |