IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23572-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:22.09.2020

Ravi Kumar ... 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 27.08.2020:

> *"Matter has been taken up through video conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.*
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> *Towards compliance of the order dated 20.8.2020 passed by this Court, a reply by way of affidavit of the Dy.S.P. (City), Pathankot has been forwarded by learned State counsel through e-mail. The same is taken on record.*

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Learned State counsel informs the Court that during the course of investigation the petitioner herein has been found to be innocent as per CCTV footage of the alleged incident.

Notice of motion, returnable for 22.9.2020.

To be listed along with CRM-M-21538-2020 (Ranjit Singh @ Jeet Vs. State of Punjab).

In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join investigation.

In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and he shall remain bound by the conditions as 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 27.08.2020 passed by this Court is made absolute.

22.09.2020 **(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)**
harjeet **JUDGE**

i) Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No

ii) Whether reportable? Yes/No

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