

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

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CRM-M-9622-2021

Date of decision: 03.03.2021

Balwinder Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Ms. Riffi Birla, Advocate for
Mr. Adeeb Raheja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short, "the Cr.P.C") for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.5 dated 29.01.2020 registered under Sections 354, 354B, 452 and 323 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, "the IPC") at Police Station Lakho Ke Behram, District Ferozepur to which Sections 376, 376-D and 511 of the IPC were added lateron.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the case which is counter-blast to the FIR which was got registered by Usha Rani. The FIR was got registered due to dispute between Lal Singh and his brother Dayal Singh which has now been compromised. The complainant has admitted in her affidavit that the above said FIR was got registered due to some misunderstanding.

Notice of motion.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

At this stage, Mr. K.B. Raheja, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the complainant and he undertakes to file his power of attorney in the Registry of this Court.

I have heard learned Counsel for the petitioner, learned State Counsel and learned Counsel for the complainant and have gone through the record.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is ready to join the investigation and he may be granted anticipatory bail as his custodial interrogation is not required in the case.

On the other hand, learned State Counsel has submitted that in view of the nature of accusation and gravity of the offences, the petitioner does not deserve grant of regular bail. Therefore, the petition may be dismissed.

Learned Counsel for the complainant has not disputed the genuineness of the affidavit of the complainant and has submitted that the complainant has no objection if the petitioner is granted anticipatory bail.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, nature of accusation against the petitioner, affidavit of the complainant Manjit Kaur, custodial interrogation of the petitioner not being necessary in the case, and there being no material to justify the apprehension of the petitioner fleeing from justice or tampering with evidence or criminally intimidating the prosecution witnesses, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I am of the considered view that the petitioner deserves the grant of anticipatory bail.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so. In the event of his arrest, the petitioner shall be released on anticipatory bail by the arresting officer/investigating officer on furnishing of bail bonds by him to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/investigating officer. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions enumerated in Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C., failing which the protection of anticipatory bail order shall not be available to him.

03.03.2021

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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No