

CRM-M-10839-2021

Date of Decision : 13.09.2021

MAHESH CHOPRA AND ANR
versus

...Petitioners

STATE OF PUNJAB

....Respondent

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present : Mr. Abhinav Oberoi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.
2. Prayer in the petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. is for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners in case FIR No. 379 dated 20.11.2018, registered under Sections 420,468,471 and 120-B IPC at Police Station City Rajpura, District Patiala.
3. On 09.03.2021, the following order was passed:-

“Counsel for the petitioners herein prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, by contending that the matter in fact stands compromised and the co-accused have already been allowed regular bail by the Sessions Judge, Patiala.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG Punjab, who is appearing through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Adjourned to 13.09.2021.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation within a period of one week and on his doing so, in the event of arrest the petitioner be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C..”

4. Today, learned counsel for the petitioners contends while learned State Counsel on instructions from *ASI Ranjit Singh* confirms that pursuant to the order of this Court dated 09.03.2021, the petitioners joined investigation, fully cooperated with the police, were released on ad interim pre arrest bail and that their custodial interrogation is not required.

5. In view of the statement of learned State counsel, order dated 09.03.2021, passed by this Court, is made absolute. The petitioners shall abide with the conditions enumerated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. However, nothing stated hereinabove shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

6. Petition stands *disposed of* in the aforementioned terms.

13.09.2021

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(B.S. Walia)

Judge

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