

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(203)

CRM-M-18683-2021

Date of Decision : August 24, 2021

Maninder Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.. Respondent

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Janak Singh Bhinder, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 242 dated 29.10.2019 registered under Sections 458, 323, 506, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station City Sunam, Tehsil Sunam, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has joined investigation in terms of order passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court dated 12.05.2021. Order dated 12.05.2021 is as under:-

“Inter alia states that a wrong statement was made before the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sangrur that the petitioner did not join investigation. In fact, the I.O. refused to make the petitioner join investigation. That apart, there is no evidence of any injury alleged to have been caused to the complainant nor any specific attribution has been made to the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice and waives service.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to join investigation with the Investigating Officer on 21.05.2021 at 10.00 a.m. and cooperate therewith. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/SHO concerned subject to his compliance of the conditions enshrined under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Adjourned to 24.08.2021. ”

Learned State counsel, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, on instructions from Head Constable Jasjot Singh, states that in terms of the order of this Court reproduced before, the petitioner has joined the investigation and no further interrogation is required at this stage.

Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes that petitioner will join investigation and also cooperate with the investigating agency in case he is required for the same in future as well.

In view of the above, the order dated 12.05.2021 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

In case at any given point of time hereinafter, it is felt by the investigating agency that petitioner is required for the investigation but is not cooperating, they will be at liberty to approach this Court for passing appropriate orders.

The petition stands disposed of.

August 24, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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