

Date of Decision : 29.07.2021

...Petitioner

Versus

....Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Harvinder Singh Maan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, 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 anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.38 dated 19.03.2021, registered under Sections 457, 323 of IPC, to which Sections 324 and 326 of IPC was added later on, at Police Station Bhikhi, District Mansa.
3. On 26.05.2021, the following order was passed:-

“The matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

It is *inter alia* contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that it is a case of version and cross version as the petitioner too has received injuries at the hands of the opposite side.

Heard.

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Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall, however, join the investigation within a period of 15 days from and he shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

4. Today, learned counsel for the petitioner contends while learned State Counsel on instructions from *ASI Kuldeep Singh*, confirms that pursuant to the order of this Court dated 26.05.2021, the petitioner joined investigation, cooperated in the same, was released on ad-interim pre-arrest bail and his custodial interrogation is not required.

5. In view of the statement of the learned State Counsel, order dated 26.05.2021, passed by this Court, is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions enumerated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. However, nothing stated hereinabove shall be deemed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

6. Petition stands disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

29.07.2021

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<i>Whether speaking/ reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>