

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc.-M No.39182 of 2020

Date of Decision: February 10, 2021

Ranjit Singh @ Rana

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Varinder Basa, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.192 dated 25.09.2020, under Sections 365, 376-D, 120-B and 506 IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station, Chheharta, District Amritsar. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of police in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 27.11.2020, whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“The case has been taken up for hearing through video-conferencing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that allegations for the offence under Section 376 IPC are directed against co-accused Akashdeep. The complainant is major and she of her own eloped with Akashdeep and thereafter jointly filed CRWP No.7778 of 2020. Co-accused Randhir Singh has been granted interim bail vide order dated 11.11.2020 in

CRM-M No.37015 of 2020. The case of the petitioner stands on the same footing.

Notice of motion for 10.02.2021.

In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to appear before the SHO/Investigating Officer to join investigation on 04.12.2020 at 11.00 A.M. and in the event of his arrest, he shall be enlarged on ad interim bail, subject to his furnishing requisite bail bonds/surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer. However, petitioner shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

To be heard along with CRM-M No.37015 of 2020. ”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the police authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. Learned counsel, on instructions from ASI Ravinder Singh, further states that the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 27.11.2020 is made absolute.

February 10, 2021
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No