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

CRM-M-39953-2020

Date of Decision: 15.02.2021

GURJEET SINGH

.....Petitioner

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. G.S. Hayer, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Venu Gopal Jauhar, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner seeks grant of anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.251 dated 27.09.2020 registered under Sections 353, 506, 34 IPC and Section 3(X) of the SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act at Police Station Sadar Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Vide order dated 15.12.2020 interim order in the same terms as passed in CRM-M No.37155 of 2020 was passed. In CRM-M No.37155 of 2020 it was noticed that immediately after

the alleged occurrence the application was given by Harinderpal Singh, wherein no allegation in respect of offence under SC/ST Act was mentioned. The FIR was registered after more than 20 days of the alleged incident, alleging use of derogatory words by the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation to the entire satisfaction of the Investigating Officer. He also by referring to **Union of India vs. State of Maharashtra and others, 2019 SCC Online SC 1279** submitted that in the aforesaid judgment, which has been pronounced after amendment in the Act, the conclusion at Sr.No.ii of the judgment titled **Dr.Subhash Kashinath Mahajan vs. State of Maharashtra and another, (2018) 6 SCC 454** has been reiterated and the same view has been taken in the subsequent judgment in **Prathvi Raj Chauhan vs. Union of India, 2020 SCC Online SC 159.**

The factum of joining the investigation by the petitioner has not been disputed by learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Balbir Singh. He submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation on 19.01.2021 and is no more required for further investigation of the case.

In view of aforesaid factual position, the interim order dated 15.12.2020 is made absolute. Petitioner shall keep on

joining the investigation as and when required to do so and he shall abide by the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands disposed of.

February 15, 2021
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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