

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(201)

CRM No. M-41711 of 2020

Date of Decision : 31.08.2021

Manpreet Singh Malik @ Sanju

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Jitender Singh Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 195, dated 07.11.2020, registered under Sections 452, 427, 323, 506, 148, 149 IPC at Police Station Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has joined investigation in terms of order passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court dated 11.12.2020. Order dated 11.12.2020 is as under:-

“Counsel for the petitioner herein prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, while contending that a reading of the FIR would reflect that only a simple injury has been attributed to him.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG Punjab, who is appearing through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice. On the asking of the court, she informed this court that the MLR of the complainant would reflect only one injury and

the grievousness of the same is yet to be ascertained.

Adjourned to 11.05.2021.

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.”

Learned State counsel, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, on instructions from SI Ranjit 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.

In view of the above, the order dated 11.12.2020 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 co-operating, it will be at liberty to approach this Court for passing appropriate orders.

The petition stands disposed of.

August 31, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes
Whether reportable? No