

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(109)

CRM No. M-3219 of 2022
Date of Decision : 28.01.2022

Amandeep Verma @ Aman Verma and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

Present: Mr. Rahul Rampal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners in respect of FIR No. 33 dated 20.04.2017, registered under Sections 302, 307, 427, 148, 149 IPC, Section 25/27 of Arms Act, 1959 and Section 3(2) of V of The Scheduled Castes & the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 at Police Station Jhunir, District Mansa.

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that petitioners were found innocent by the police and were not challaned but thereafter, keeping in view the application filed by the prosecution under Section 319 Cr.P.C., the petitioners have been summoned as additional accused to face the trial. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the fact that guilt of the petitioners is yet to be established before the competent Court of Law and nothing has come against the petitioners that they have

acted in a manner to influence the trial or the witnesses, the petitioners may kindly be extended the concession of anticipatory bail as the petitioners intend to join the proceedings and cooperate.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned Stated counsel submits that the State has no objection in case, the petitioners are protected when they appear before the competent Court of Law in order to join the trial as directed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, where initially the petitioners were found innocent by the police but now have been summoned to face the trial as additional accused, the trial Court is directed that in case the petitioners join the proceedings, they be extended the concession of anticipatory bail subject to the conditions as deemed fit by the trial Court.

Petition is allowed in above terms.

January 28, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No