

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

CRM-M-16839-2022

Date of Decision: 01.08.2022

GURMEET SINGH

... PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present : Mr. P.K.S.Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Rau. P.S.Girwar, Advocate,
for the complainant.

VIVEK PURI, J.(ORAL)

On 27.04.2022, the following order was passed:-

“Present petition is under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 63 dated 08.03.2022, registered under Sections 323/354/341/149 IPC and Sections 354-A/354-D/379-B IPC were added later on, at Police Station Canal Colony, Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Briefly, the case has been registered on the basis of the statement of the complainant alleging that on 07.03.2022 in the evening hours, she had gone to the house of the petitioner to lodge a protest with regard to inappropriate behaviour towards her niece. The petitioner along with co-accused inflicted injuries upon her, outraged her modesty and also snatched the golden chain.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that during the earlier part of the day on 07.03.2022, the petitioner along with his uncle, Mikka were travelling in a car. The husband of the complainant along with his dog came in front of the car and an altercation ensued. The husband of the complainant was in a drunken condition and there was an exchange of hot words. Later on, the complainant and her husband came to the house of the petitioner and they had inflicted injuries and molested the sister of the petitioner. An online complaint was submitted to the police and the present FIR has been lodged as a counterblast thereto.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and states that the petitioner is involved in another case which is pending trial but he is on bail in that case.

Mr. Rau P.S. Girwar, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.2/complainant and filed Vakalatnama, which is taken on record.

Adjourned to 21.07.2022.

Meanwhile, it is directed that in the event of arrest, the petitioner be admitted on interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer subject to the condition that he joins the investigation and comply with other conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in pursuance of interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

Learned State counsel has stated that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

Keeping in view the entire circumstances, sufficient grounds are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, order dated 27.04.2022, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is made absolute.

Petition is allowed.

01.08.2022
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No