

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

Sr. No. 202(1)

**CRM-M No.19096 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of decision : 05.08.2022**

Navneet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. Ankit Chowdhri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Gunkirat Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vivek Thakur, Advocate for the complainant.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for the grant of anticipatory bail in Cross Case Report No.16 dated 24.02.2022 under Sections 354, 342, 323 and 506 IPC in FIR No.399 dated 13.11.2021 registered at Police Station Sohana, district S.A.S. Nagar.

On 06.05.2022, this Court had passed the following order : -

“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter-alia contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case; the petitioner does not face any other criminal case; all offences of which the petitioner is accused of except Section 354 IPC are bailable offences; so far as the allegations attracting culpability of Section 354 IPC are concerned the same are only against co-accused Sohan Singh; the complainant party was the aggressor as the alleged incident has occurred in the petitioner's house; co-accused Sohan Singh has been granted regular bail by the Trial Court and that the petitioner is also ready and willing to join and cooperate with the investigation.

Notice of motion.

Ms.Ruchika Sabherwal, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

For arguments, adjourned to 05.08.2022.

In the meanwhile subject to the petitioner's joining investigation as and when called by the investigating agency as also abiding by the other conditions provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C, in the event of his arrest in Report No.16, dated 24.02.2022, registered under Sections 354, 342, 323, 506 IPC in FIR No.399 dated 13.11.2021 at Police Station Sohana, District S.A.S. Nagar, he shall be released on ad interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer.

Before the adjourned date the State shall file a concise status report which shall contain the video clippings/ C.D. on the basis whereof the cross case has been lodged.”

Learned State counsel submits that under the afore-quoted order passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined and cooperated with the investigation and that his custodial interrogation is not required by the State.

After considering the submissions made on behalf of the petitioner in the afore-quoted order and the statement made on behalf of the State, the interim order of this Court dated 06.05.2022, granting ad interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is ordered to be made absolute.

05.08.2022

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**(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE**

Whether reportable : Yes / No

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No