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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-44947-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:10.05.2022

Gurpreet Singh Dhanjal

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Pushpinder Kaushal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Manjinder Singh Saini, Advocate
for the complainant.

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Manoj Bajaj, J. (Oral)

Petitioner has approached this Court under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure to seek anticipatory bail in a case FIR No.197 dated 03.09.2021 registered under Section 420 IPC and Section 13 Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 at Police Station Mataur, District SAS Nagar, who apprehends his arrest at the hands of Police.

On 18.02.2022, this Court had passed the following order:

“The matter has been taken up through video conferencing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner as also learned counsel for the complainant submit that there is a good chance that the dispute, which is the subject matter of the FIR in question, may be amicably resolved by their respective clients.

In view of the afore consensus between the parties, they are directed to appear before the Mediation & Conciliation Centre of this Court on 2.3.2022 at 11 AM.

To await the report of the Mediator, adjourned to 10.5.2022.

The amount of Rs.3 Lakhs already deposited by the petitioner before the Trial Court, in terms of the order of this Court dated 29.10.2021, be disbursed to the complainant

*against security.
To facilitate mediation proceedings, till the
adjourned date, the petitioner's arrest is stayed.”*

Today, learned counsel for the petitioner has stated that in compliance of the above order, the parties submitted themselves before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court and the dispute between them has been amicably settled. He has argued that in view of this development, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be necessary and he prays for pre-arrest bail.

On 09.05.2022, the case was sent back to High Court by the Mediation and Conciliation Centre along with report, which indicates that indeed the parties have voluntarily entered into a settlement.

At this stage, learned State counsel assisted by ASI Lakhwinder Kumar states that the arrest of the petitioner was stayed and he is yet to join the investigation.

Considering the above background, more particularly the compromise between the parties, this petition is allowed and it is ordered that in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

10.05.2022
Jasmine Kaur

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes	No
Whether reportable	Yes	No