

209 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-44039-2022
Date of Decision: 07.12.2022

SATYA NARAYAN PUJARI ... PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF HARYANA ... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. Saurabh Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Aditya Sanghi, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Karan Garg, AAG Haryana.

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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

On 22.09.2022 following order was passed:

“Petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No. 188 dated 26.06.2022 under Sections 354/354/-A(1)(i)/506 IPC, registered at Police Station Nathusarai Chopta, District Sirsa Haryana.

Precisely, the allegations against the petitioner are to the effect that he is working as a *priest* in a temple. On the pretext of removing evil spirits, he had outraged the modesty of the complainant.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that there is a delay of 5 months and 26 days in lodging the FIR. The FIR has been lodged as a counter-blast to complaint, Annexure P-4 submitted by the petitioner against the husband of the complainant. Though the name of the husband of the complainant has not been specifically mentioned in the complaint, Annexure P-4 but he has been referred to as “another person”.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Karan Garg, AAG Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Adjourned to 07.12.2022.

Meanwhile, the petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and 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.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner
has joined the investigation in pursuance of the interim directions.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from HC Suman, states
that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial
interrogation is not required.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail
granted by this Court vide order dated 22.09.2022 is made absolute.

07.12.2022

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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No