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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-53270-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 16.08.2022

Manpreet Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Mohit Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab
for State-respondent No.1.

Mr. Arshdeep Singh Khaira, Advocate
for the complainant.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.170 dated 24.10.2019 registered under Section 365, IPC, at P.S. Cantonment, District Amritsar (Annexure P-1).

On 13.12.2019, this Court passed the following order:-

“Counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has solemnized marriage with Muskan Bhandari, who is otherwise of marriageable age. Apprehending threats, petitioner and Muskan Bhandari approached this Court by way of CWP No.31063 of 2019 titled as Muskan Bhandari and another versus State of Punjab and others and this Court vide order dated 24.10.2019 disposed of that petition with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur to consider their representation regrading protection. He submits that the petitioner and Muskan Bhandari are staying together.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Sarbjheet Singh Khaira, Advocate, has put in appearance on behalf of complainant and filed his vakalatnama, which is taken on record.

List on 23.12.2019.

Meanwhile, till the next date of hearing, arrest of the petitioner shall remain stayed.

On the adjourned date, the petitioner and Muskan Bhandari are directed to remain present before this Court.”

By subsequent order dated 20.08.2021, this Court directed the petitioner to join the investigation and granted him interim anticipatory bail. Although, the matter was referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, but no settlement could be arrived at.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions, from S.I., Balbir Singh submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of above facts, but without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed. Order dated 20.08.2021 is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

August 16, 2022
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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