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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-4197-2023

Date of Decision:10.03.2023

SUKHDEV SINGH

..... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present : Mr. Ritesh Pandey, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Shiva Khurmi, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Tarlok Singh.

Mr. B.B.S. Randhawa, Advocate for respondent No.2.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

On 27.01.2023 following order was passed:

“Through instant petition under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Code, 1973, the petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 197 dated 23.12.2022, under Sections 498-A and 406 of IPC, registered at Police Station Shri Hargobindpur, District Batala.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that co-accused i.e. Mother of the petitioner has already been granted concession of interim bail by this Court vide order dated 19.1.2023 passed in CRM-M-2814 of 2023. The petitioner is ready to join investigation and face proceedings. There is no possibility of flee from justice. The arrest would cause irreparable loss, mental agony, embarrassment and humiliation to petitioner as well entire family.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Amish Sharma, AAG,

Punjab, who is present in court on advance notice, accepts notice on behalf of State-respondent.

Mr. B.B.S.Randhawa, Advocate appeared on behalf of respondent No. 2-complainant and filed Memo of appearance. The same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at an appropriate place. He is directed to file his Power of Attorney in the Registry of the Court.

Learned counsel for respondent No. 2 states that as there is possibility of amicable settlement, the parties may be referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court to explore possibility of settlement.

The parties are directed to appear before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court on 1.2.2023 to explore possibility of settlement.

The petitioner shall pay Rs. 20,000/- to the respondent towards litigation expenses.

Meantime, keeping in mind law enunciated by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Thana Singh v. Central Bureau of Narcotics, (2013) 2 SCC 590, Arnab Manoranjan Goswami V. State of Maharashtra, (2021) 2 SCC 427, Satender Kumar Antil V. CBI (2022) 10 SCC 51, Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre V. State of Maharashtra & Ors., 2010 SCC OnLine SC 1375, Shri Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia V. State of Punjab (1980) 2 Supreme Court Cases 565, Arnesh Kumar V. State of Bihar (2014) 8 SCC 273 and that co-accused has already been granted concession of interim bail, at the first instance, the petitioner is directed to appear before investigation officer on 03.02.2023 and thereafter as directed by IO. In the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of bail/surety bonds to the satisfaction of investigating/arresting officer. The petitioner shall co-operate the investigating officer. If the arresting officer does not permit the

petitioner to join the investigation, the petitioner would appear before the learned Illaqa Magistrate who would then summon the arresting officer and direct him to join the petitioner in investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Adjourned to 17.2.2023.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and trial court shall proceed without being prejudiced by observations of this Court.

To be heard alongwith CRM-M- 2814 of 2023.”

Learned State counsel submits that petitioner has joined investigation and recovery of articles except gold stand effected and he is not required for further custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the interim protection granted to the petitioner vide order dated 27.01.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C

If the petitioner or his family members/associates make any attempt to threat/intimidate the witnesses in the present case, the State would be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of bail granted by this order.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and Trial Court shall proceed without being prejudiced by observations of this Court.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

10.03.2023
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<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>