

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.19357 of 2023

Date of decision: 21st July, 2023

Sneh Lata & others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. I.S. Chawla and Mr. Ankit Chauhan,
Advocates for the petitioners.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners are seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.0078 dated 11.03.2023 under Sections 323, 341, 506, 147 and 149 of the IPC (Section 452 of the IPC added later on) registered at Police Station Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).

2. On 20.04.2023, while noticing the following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioners and asked them to join investigation.

“Learned counsel for the petitioners while drawing the attention of this Court to the allegations levelled in the FIR submits that petitioner No.1 after dragging the complainant outside her house was assaulted by all the accused including the petitioners as a result of which she sustained injuries on her person. Learned counsel submits

that the injuries sustained by the complainant are admittedly simple in nature. He further submits that the petitioners are ready to join investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in compliance of the order dated 20.04.2023, the petitioners have joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, has informed the Court that the alleged threat perception to the complainant, as had been stated by the learned counsel for the complainant on the last date of hearing, is not in existence. On further instructions, he has not disputed the factum of the petitioners having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on instructions submits that the petitioners are not required for further investigation much less for their custodial interrogation.

5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 20.04.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioners misuse the concession of bail granted to them, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to them.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

July 21, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No