

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH**

(205)

CRM-M-28376 of 2022  
DATE OF DECISION:-18.05.2023

Manjeet Singh Sandhu

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA**

Present: Mr. P. K. Bansal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Shukla, AAG, Punjab.

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**HARKESH MANUJA, J.**

By way of present petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, petitioner prays for grant of pre-arrest bail in case FIR No.33 dated 18.08.2018 under Sections 304, 34 IPC registered at Police Station Arif Ke, District Ferozepur.

This Court, while issuing notice of motion on 07.07.2022, passed the following order:

*“This is a petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 33 dated 18.8.2018 registered under Sections 304, 34 IPC at Police Station Arif Ke, District Ferozepur.*

*FIR was registered on the complaint of one Lal Singh who stated that his son Swaran Singh was addicted to drugs. He further stated that Jarmal Singh of village Nizaam Wala, Manjit Singh (petitioner), Jarmal Singh and Dilbagh Singh residents of village Sabuana and some other persons used to sell intoxicated drugs in the village of complainant. They were repeatedly asked not to give drugs to son of complainant, but they did not stop. On 18.8.2018 at about 10 in the morning Swaran Singh without informing any member of family left the house on his scooter. On search, he was found lying dead in a water pond. There was a*

*syringe in his hand. It was alleged that he had died because of injecting drugs bought from the drug smugglers of the village.*

*Mr. Bansal, learned counsel for petitioner has argued that there is no material on record to indicate that son of complaint had died after purchasing any intoxicating drugs from petitioner. He is ready and willing to join investigation and cooperate in same.*

*Notice of motion for 13.9.2022.*

*In the meanwhile, in the event of arrest of petitioner, he shall be released on interim anticipatory bail to the satisfaction of Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He will join investigation as and when called for and cooperate in same. He will abide by conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that in pursuance of order dated 07.07.2022 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined investigation.

The above factual position is duly acknowledged by learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sukhdev Singh, by submitting that the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is no longer required in this case.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed. Interim order dated 07.07.2022 is hereby made absolute, subject to all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

**18.05.2023**  
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**(HARKESH MANUJA)**  
**JUDGE**

whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No  
whether reportable: Yes/No