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

CRM-M-31047-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 02.11.2023

Amanpreetpal Singh

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Manjinder Singh Saini, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.79 dated 03.05.2023, under Sections 365, 342, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, '*the IPC*'), registered at Police Station Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur.

2. As per the prosecution story, petitioner along with co-accused kidnapped the complainant and confined him in a Hotel room at Mohali.

3. This Court, on 05.07.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and relevant part of the same is recapitulated as under:-

“Learned State counsel seeks time to have instructions regarding 08 (eight) days’ delay in lodging the FIR.

Posted on 31.08.2023.

In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail, till

the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”

4. Contends that in terms of the aforesaid order, petitioner has already joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.
5. Above factual position is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel, on instructions from the police officer present in Court and further stated that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required at this stage.
6. In view of above, interim order dated 05.07.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
7. It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.
8. The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.
9. Disposed off accordingly.

02.11.2023

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No