

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

211-1

CRM-M No. 37913 of 2023

Date of decision: 02.12.2023

MANDEEP SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Vaibhav Goel, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arjun Lakhanpal, Addl., A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Vikram Singh Narwal, Advocate for the complainant.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (oral)

1. Through the instant petition under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No.310, dated 13.06.2023, registered under Sections 346 of IPC (after recording of statement of the victim under Section 164 of Cr.P.C., Sections 376(2)(n), 506 and 34 of IPC and Sections 3(2)(v) and 3(2)(v)(a) of the SC & ST Act were added later on) at Police Station Sector-32-33, Karnal (Annexure P-1).

2. Vide order dated 04.08.2023 passed by this Court, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

3. Learned State counsel filed status report dated 27.11.2023. The same is taken on record. He further, on instructions from Investigating Officer, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation. No recovery is to be effected from him.

4. Though, in the statement recorded under Section 164 of Cr.P.C., no allegation, whatsoever, is shown to have been levelled by the victim against the present petitioner, as such, I see no reason as to why the petitioner should be ordered to be detained in custody and be not extended benefit of anticipatory bail. Therefore the petition is allowed and the order dated 04.08.2023, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

02.12.2023
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(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

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