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

**CRM-M-40433-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 21.09.2023**

HARJINDER SINGH

.. Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Ms. Puja Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amish Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

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MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure has been filed for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.97 dated 28.03.2023 under Section 306 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Tripuri, District Patiala.

2. Above FIR was registered on the basis of statement made by complainant Dharminder Singh with the allegations that petitioner's daughter Ramandeep Kaur and complainant's son Simranjit Singh were in love affair and wanted to marry each other, but petitioner was not ready for the said marriage and he threatened Simranjit Singh that he would solemnize marriage of his daughter with someone else, due to which, Simranjit Singh committed suicide.

3. Status report by way of an affidavit of Jaswinder Singh Tiwana, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, City-II, District Patiala has been filed. The same is taken on record. Copy thereof supplied to the opposite side.

Registry to tag the same at appropriate place

4. This Court, vide order dated 22.08.2023 granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

“Contends inter alia that except the allegation of love affairs of the daughter of petitioner with the deceased, there is no material available with the police regarding his complicity.

Learned State Counsel seeks time to file an affidavit regarding the material collected by the police.

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In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail in the present case, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”

4. Learned Counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has already joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

5. Learned State Counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurpreet Singh submits that petitioner has joined investigation and as on today, his custodial interrogation is not required.

6. In view of above, interim order dated 22.08.2023 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.
10. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed off.

21.09.2023
Jasmine Kaur

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes	No
Whether reportable	Yes	No