

238 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Neutral Citation No. 2023:PHHC:110158
CRA-S-2136-2022
Date of Decision: August 23, 2023

Ranjit Singh @ Kalu and another ... Appellants

Versus

State of Punjab and another ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Gaurav Pathania, Advocate for the appellants.
Mr. Parneet Singh Pandher, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. A.S. Manaise, Advocate for respondent No.2.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

On 21.10.2022, the following order was passed by this
Court:-

“The instant appeal has been filed challenging order dated 10.10.2022 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Pathankot vide which an application filed by the appellants under Sections 438 Cr.P.C. seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a complaint under Sections 323, 341, 427, 452, 506, 148, 149 of Indian Penal Code read with Section 3 and 4 of Schedule Caste & Schedule Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, has been dismissed.

Learned counsel for the appellants has submitted that the co-accused have already been granted anticipatory bail vide order dated 18.10.2022 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRA-S-2049 of 2022 and that, in these circumstances, the appellants also deserve the similar relief on grounds of parity.

Notice of motion for 18.4.2023.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the appellants be released on interim bail subject to their furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the appellants shall join the investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”

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Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has not refuted the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner that pursuant to the directions issued by this Court on 21.10.2022, both the appellants have since joined the Court proceedings.

However, learned counsel for respondent No.2 opposes the appeal on the ground that there are specific allegations against the appellants.

Considering the fact that the petitioners have joined the Court proceedings in compliance of the order dated 18.04.2023 and for the reasons as mentioned in the order dated 21.10.2022, this petition is hereby disposed of by making the order dated 21.10.2022 as absolute.

August 23, 2023
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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

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