

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-55573-2022

Date of decision: 15.05.2023

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.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Sandeep Kumar Bokolia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.40 dated 07.06.2022 under Sections 458, 324 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Bajakhana, District Faridkot.

2. Vide order dated 20.12.2022, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that even as per the affidavit the petitioner has clean antecedents and is not involved in any other case and the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case since even as per the grievance of the complainant and as per the affidavit, there was an old grudge between the parties. He submitted that the petitioner undertakes to join the investigation as and when called by the I.O and he also undertakes to cooperate fully with the investigation process.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 20.12.2022, the petitioner has joined

investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 20.12.2022, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

15.05.2023

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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