

2023:PHHC:064198

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

CRM-M-57029-2022

Date of Decision: 04.05.2023

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... PETITIONER

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present : Mr. Puneet Kumar Bansal, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG, Punjab.

VIVEK PURI, J.(ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in the case bearing GD No. 45 dated 25.08.2022 under Sections 324/323/506/427/34 IPC (Section 326 IPC added later on) registered in FIR No. 101 dated 23.08.2022 under Section 324 IPC at Police Station Cantt Ferozepur, District Ferozepur.
2. On 08.12.2022, the Coordinate Bench of this Court has passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that it is a case where a fight had taken place between the neighbour who was a shop-keeper and in fact it is a case of version and cross-version and a cross DDR has also been lodged and even otherwise the alleged injury was on the finger.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Amit Rana, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State of Punjab.

Adjourned to 04.05.2023.

In the meantime, petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail by the Arresting/Investigating Officer on his furnishing bail bonds/sureties to his satisfaction, subject to the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in pursuance of interim directions, the petitioner has joined the investigation.
4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Balwinder Singh, the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.
5. Keeping in view the entire circumstances, sufficient grounds are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, order dated 08.12.2022, vide which the petitioner has been granted interim bail, is made absolute.
6. Petition is allowed.

04.05.2023
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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