

217 (3rd case)

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

**CRM-M No.58404 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 20.12.2023**

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...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, Sr. DAG, Punjab
for the respondent.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in FIR No.164 dated 15.09.2023 (P-1), under Sections 307, 323, 324, 148 read with Section 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station, City Budhlada, District Mansa.

(2) Above case was registered on the basis of statement made by complainant-Nisha Rani with the allegations that petitioner, along with other co-accused, who were members of unlawful assembly, caused several

injuries upon the complainant party with *Daangs*, Sticks, *Kirpans* & Iron Rods.

(3) This Court, while issuing notice of motion on 20.11.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

“Contends inter alia that accused in the cross-version has already been granted concession of interim pre-arrest bail by this Court vide order dated 03.11.2023, passed in CRM-M-55049-2023.

Notice of motion.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Addl.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to have instructions and/or file written response in the matter.

Posted for 20.12.2023.

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

To be heard along with the aforesaid CRM-M.”

(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 HC Gurwinder 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 20.11.2023 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 application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

20th December, 2023
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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