



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRA-S-192-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 13.11.2024

Surjit Ram

.....Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate
for the appellant.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Bhupinder Ghai, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The appellant is challenging the order dated 04.01.2024 passed by learned Judge, Special Court, Rupnagar vide which his application for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.169 dated 29.11.2023 for offences under Sections 3(1)(r) and 3(1)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 registered at Police Station Nangal, District Rupnagar, was dismissed.

2. On 16.01.2024, learned counsel for the appellant had made the following submissions:-

“Learned counsel inter alia contends that on the face of it, a totally false and fabricated case has been planted upon the appellant in order to wreak vengeance since it is a matter of record that the appellant had lodged an FIR against the complainant and his sons under Sections 323, 342, 506, 148, 149 of the IPC in the year 2022. In support, learned counsel has drawn the attention



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of this Court to Annexure P-2. He further submits that sons of the complainant had unsuccessfully gone upto the Hon'ble Supreme Court for grant of anticipatory bail. Learned counsel submits that it is in the aforementioned background, the instant FIR has been registered so as to pressurize the complainant to effect an amicable settlement with him as his son is facing trial."

3. Thereafter, vide order dated 06.08.2024, the appellant had been granted interim bail and asked to join investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that in compliance of order dated 06.08.2024, the appellant has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

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

6. In view of the above, the appeal is allowed and interim order dated 06.08.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 482(2) of the BNSS/438(2) of the Cr.P.C.

7. Pending applications, if any, stand disposed.

13.11.2024

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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