

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-3024-2024

Date of decision: 25.04.2024

Arun Gautam

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Ms. Avinash Mandla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, 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.08 dated 04.01.2024 under Sections 332, 353, 186, 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Sadar Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur.

2. On 20.01.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“Learned counsel inter alia contends that false allegations have been leveled against the petitioner of having felt offended when his servant was stopped from cutting a tree standing on the roadside on 03.01.2024. She submits that as per the allegations leveled, on the following day, the petitioner got into a frenzy and inflicted an iron rod injury on the head of the baildar of the Forest Department, who had stopped his servant from cutting the tree. Learned counsel submits that it cannot be believed that had an iron rod been indeed inflicted upon the injured, he would have escaped with just simple bruises on his person.”

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 20.01.2024, 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 20.01.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

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