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Date of Decision: 06.03.2024

BALBIR SINGH

...Petitioner

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Rajvir Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant petition, the petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 336 dated 22.11.2023 registered under Sections 379, 34 of Indian Penal Code (Section 411 of IPC added later on) at Police Station City Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali).
2. On 06.02.2024, following order was passed:

“The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (hereinafter referred to as Cr.P.C) for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.336 dated 22.11.2023 registered under Sections 379, 34 IPC (Section 411 IPC added later on) at Police Station City Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali). Learned counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, contends that the petitioner is not named in the FIR. He has been named as an accused only on the basis of the disclosure statement made by the co-accused, while in police custody, which has no evidentiary value in the eyes of law. He has been falsely implicated in this case, as he had lodged a complaint against ASI Som Nath under

the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent State and opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

*In the meantime, keeping in view the law enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI (2022) 10 SCC 51; Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar (2014) 8 SCC 273 and Mohd. Muslim alias Hussain Vs. State (NCT of Delhi) 2023 SCC OnLine SC 352**, at the first instance, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on or before 12.02.2024 and on his doing so or in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of bail/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.*

If the Investigating/Arresting Officer does not permit the petitioner to join the investigation, the petitioner would appear before the Illaqa Magistrate, who would then summon the Arresting Officer and direct him to join the petitioner in investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Adjourned to 06.03.2024.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and the trial Court shall proceed without being prejudiced by observations of this Court."

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3. Learned State counsel on instructions from HC Lakhwinder Pal Singh, submits that in compliance of order dated 06.02.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation.
4. Keeping in view the statement made by learned State Counsel the order dated 06.02.2024, is made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions enumerated in Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.
5. The petition is accordingly allowed.

06.03.2024

Ajay Goswami

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)

JUDGE

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