



207 **IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM M-11867-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 22.05.2024

Ankush Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Jasbir Singh.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU. J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (for short “Cr.P.C”) for seeking pre-arrest bail in FIR No.0 dated 31.01.2024 registered under Sections 295-A, 153-A, 298 and 505 IPC, at Police Station, Ramsoo, District Ramban; later on, transferred to Police Station, Talwandi Saboo, District Bathinda and registered as FIR No. 45 dated 08.04.2024 under the same Sections.

2. Allegations are that petitioner outraged the religious feelings of a particular community by writing objectionable comments on the social media.

3. Learned State counsel has apprised the Court that petitioner was granted interim bail vide order dated 24.04.2024 and in pursuance thereof, he has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

4. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper-book.

5. A Coordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 24.04.2024, granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

*“A status report by way of an affidavit of Deputy
Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Talwandi Sabo,*



District Bathinda has been filed on behalf of respondent-State and the same is taken on record.

On request made by learned State counsel, adjourned to 22.05.2024.

In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer at 10.00 AM on 02.05.2024 to join the investigation and on all other such dates, as and when required by the Investigating Officer. He is also directed to fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer.”

6. In pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has joined investigation and as on today, his custodial interrogation is not required by the police.

7. As a result of the above, petition is allowed; interim order dated 24.04.2024 is made absolute, subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

8. It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

9. The above observations be not construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.

10. Disposed off accordingly.

11. Pending criminal misc. application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

22.05.2024
SN/v

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

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