

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-12222-2024
Date of Decision:19.04.2024

SATPAL SINGH AND ANOTHERPetitioners

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJABRespondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Vishal Sodhi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

Status report by way of affidavit of Shri Vaibhav Chaudhary
IPS, Asstt. Superintendent of Police, Sub Division, Derabassi, District S.A.S
Nagar, Mohali has been filed on behalf of respondent-State and the same is
taken on record.

On 11.03.2024, following order was passed:

*“Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail under
Section 438 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.17 dated 29.01.2017 registered under
Sections 406, 420, 120-B of the IPC registered at Police Station Lalru,
District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).*

*Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that immediately
after the registration of the FIR, matter was compromised between the
parties by way of compromise dated 10.03.2017 (Annexure P-2). Based
thereon, petition bearing No.CRM-M-20207-2017 was filed by the
petitioners before this Court, wherein parties were directed to get their
statements recorded vide order dated 27.11.2018. However, respondent
No.2 did not turn up for getting her statement recorded, despite receiving
₹5 lacs from the petitioners for the reasons best known to her and
ultimately that petition was dismissed in default on 10.10.2022 vide
Annexure P-4. Learned counsel contends that now police is raiding the
house of the petitioners, so as to arrest them.*

Learned counsel further contends that main accused Sanjeev Kumar have already been granted benefit of interim pre-arrest bail vide order dated 06.02.2024 passed in CRM-M-6324-2024, copy of which is Annexure P-6.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent- State. A copy of paper book be supplied to him during the course of day.

Adjourned to 19.04.2024 for filing status report.

In the meantime, in case of arrest, the petitioners shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. However, it is directed that the petitioners shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. They shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade him from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. They shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Today learned State counsel, on instructions submits that petitioner has since joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case order dated 11.03.2024 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

19.04.2024

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	Whether Reportable	Yes/No