

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-13212-2024
Date of Decision:25.04.2024

MANAK

.....Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Kuldeep Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahi R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab
assisted by ASI Surender Singh.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

On 14.03.2024, following order was passed:

“Prayer in this petition is for grant of anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C in case FIR No.43 dated 18.08.2022 registered under Sections 457, 380, 427, 201 of the IPC registered at Police Station Morinda, District Ropar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that FIR was lodged against unknown persons who had allegedly come with muffled faces; that petitioner has been named by co-accused Jahoori and that petitioner is not named in the FIR nor any recovery has been effected from him. Learned counsel also submits that recovery has already been effected from the co-accused.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent- State.

Adjourned to 25.04.2024 for filing status report.

In the meantime, in case of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. However, it is directed that the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. He 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. He shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

2. Today learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Surender Singh submits that petitioner has since joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.
3. Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case order dated 14.03.2024 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail.
4. 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.

Disposed of.

25.04.2024

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Whether Speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether Reportable Yes/No

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE