



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-18061-2024
Date of decision : 23.05.2024

Balwant Singh Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Gurmeet Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. J.S. Mehdiratta, Advocate
for the complainant.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. While issuing notice of motion on 15.04.2024, following
order was passed:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.0003
dated 22.01.2024, registered for offences
punishable under Sections 324, 295, 323, 148 and
149 of IPC, 1860 at Police Station Makhu, District
Ferozepur, the petitioner has preferred this petition
under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail.

Counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* submits
that only Section 295 of IPC would be non-bailable
and the petitioner has been attributed pulling of hair
by the complainant.

Notice of motion for **23.05.2024**.

Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab,
appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent
No.1-State.

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In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Investigating Officer. As and when called, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the conditions enumerated under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C.”

2. Today, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Kulwant Singh, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 15.04.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

3. In view of above, the interim order dated 15.04.2024 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

4. This order should not be treated as "blanket" order. It will not be read granting petitioner indefinite protection from arrest. It shall be confined to the FIR mentioned *ibid* and will not operate in respect of any other incident that involves commission of an offence.

5. This order does not in any manner limit or restrict the rights or duties of the police or investigating agency, to investigate into the charges against the petitioner.

6. The petitioner shall be deemed to be in custody for the purpose of Section 27 of the Evidence Act, 1872 in regard to a discovery of facts made in pursuance of information supplied by the petitioner in case the occasion arises.

7. It will be open to the police or the investigating agency to move this court for a direction under Section 439 (2) Cr.P.C. to arrest

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the accused, in the event of violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial.

- 8. Needless to say that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.
- 9. Disposed off accordingly.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No