

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND  
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**

201-3

**CRM-M-20323-2022 (O&M)**

**Date of decision: 08.01.2024**

**Judge Singh @ Gurcharan Singh**

**...Petitioner**

## Versus

## State of Punjab

## ...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA**

Present:- Mr. G. S. Sandhu, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. R. S. Khaira, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. A. K. Khunger, Advocate  
For the complainant.

**MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)**

1. Through the instant petition, filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioners seek anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 17, dated 16.02.2022, under Sections 452, 395, 380, 354-B, 148, 149, 323, 427, 201 and 379-B of the IPC at Police Station Bariwala, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

2. While issuing notice of motion on 12.05.2022, it was ordered that no coercive action would be taken against the petitioner and thereafter, vide order dated 18.11.2022, the petitioner was released on interim bail and was directed to join investigation.

3. Learned State counsel, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, states that the

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petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation.

4. In view of the said facts, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 18.11.2022, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

08.01.2024

Waseem Ansari

(MANISHA BATRA)  
JUDGE

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