

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

202-2

CRM-M-22843-2023

Date of decision: 22.04.2024

Mandeep Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Ms. Sukhan Rangi, Advocate for
Mr. S.S. Rangi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate
for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.38 dated 09.04.2023 under Sections 306 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Boha, District Mansa.

2. On 08.05.2023, learned counsel for the petitioner had made the following submissions:-

“Learned counsel, while drawing the attention of this Court to the allegations levelled in the FIR, which has been annexed as Annexure P-1, submits that the essential ingredients to attract the mischief of Section 306 IPC are clearly amiss in the case in hand. Learned counsel further submits that as per the allegations levelled in the FIR as well, there had been a matrimonial dispute between the deceased and his wife, i.e. co-accused Ramanjeet Kaur. He submits that just because co-accused Ramanjeet Kaur, on account of her matrimonial dispute with the deceased, refused to return to her matrimonial home, would not amount to abetment to suicide. Learned counsel submits that no doubt, as per the allegations levelled in the FIR in

question, the deceased had circulated a video soon before his suicide, wherein he had alleged that he had been compelled to end his life on account of the petitioner as well as co-accused Ramanjeet Kaur blackmailing him, however, the deceased had failed to spell out as to how and in what manner the petitioner had blackmailed him.”

3. Thereafter, vide order dated 14.07.2023, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 14.07.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

5. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurmeet Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

6. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 14.07.2023, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

22.04.2024

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No