



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-22779-2024

Date of decision: 29.05.2024

RAJU KUMAR

....PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: - Mr. Luvinder Sofat, Advocate and
Mr. Shubham Pathania, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Adesh Pal Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Section	Police Station
16	01.02.2022	379-B, 384, 452, 323, 506, 148 and 149 of IPC and Section 201 of IPC added later on.	Moonak, District Sangrur.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 17.05.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 17.05.2024.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Amandeep Kaur, intimates the Court that the petitioner has joined investigation and is neither required for further investigation nor for any custodial investigation.



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4. During the course of hearing on 17.05.2024, following order was passed:

“ 2. *Heard.*

3. *As per the reply and statement made by learned State counsel on instructions from the investigating officer, recovery of stolen articles and also the cash had already been effected from the co-accused Mukhtiar Singh and the occurrence pertains to the year 2022.*

4. *Without commenting on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and in the event of his arrest, he is ordered to be released on interim bail on his furnishing personal/surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.*

5. *List on 29.05.2024.”*

5. Keeping in view the above submissions made by learned State counsel and the fact that the petitioner had joined the investigation consequent to the order dated 17.05.2024 passed by this Court, interim bail granted vide order dated 17.05.2024 is hereby confirmed, subject to conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Further the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when required in future by way of written notice for such purpose to be served by Investigating Officer of this case upon the petitioner; he will not tamper with the evidence nor will influence the witnesses and will not leave the country without prior permission of the Court.

6. The petition stands allowed.



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7. It is made clear that anything contained hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |