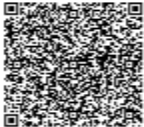


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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-23696-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.07.2024

Varun Verma

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. M.S. Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking anticipatory bail in case bearing FIR No.39 dated 05.05.2023 under Sections 304-B & 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Division No.4, District Jalandhar.

2. On 10.05.2024, the following order was passed:-

“The present petition has been filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.39 dated 05.05.2023 under Sections 304-B/120-B of IPC registered at Police Station Division No.4, District Jalandhar, Punjab (Annexure P-1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner is the cousin brother of the husband of the

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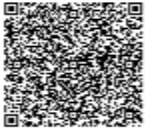
deceased (sister of complainant). He further contends that the petitioner and his father were not named in the FIR. However, on 19.05.2023, a supplementary statement was made after two weeks of the registration of the FIR (supra) in which name of the petitioner and his father, namely, Narinder Verma were added. The petitioner is residing separately with his family and children and he had no involvement in the marital life of the complainant's sister (now deceased). Admittedly, the complainant's sister and cousin brother of the petitioner, namely, Dinesh Verma, have eloped with each other and performed love marriage and there is no allegation of demand of dowry. He further contends that similarly situated co-accused, namely, Narinder Verma, has been granted the concession of ad interim anticipatory bail by this Court in CRM-M-22838-2024 titled as 'Narinder Verma Vs. State of Punjab' vide order dated 07.05.2024.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

*In the meantime, keeping in view the law enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI (2022) 10 SCC 51; Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs. State of Maharashtra and others 2010 SCC OnLine SC 137; Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia etc. Vs. State of Punjab (1980) 2 SCC 565, Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar (2014) 8 SCC 273 and Sushila Aggarwal Vs. State of NCT Delhi 2020 (1) RCR (Criminal) 833**, at the first instance, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer within two weeks from today and on his doing so or in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing of*

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bail/surety bond to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer. The petitioner shall cooperate with the Investigating/Arresting Officer and abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

If the Investigating/Arresting Officer does not permit the petitioner to join the investigation, the petitioner would appear before the Illaqa Magistrate, who would then summon the Investigating/Arresting Officer and direct him to join the petitioner in investigation, in terms of the order of this Court.

Adjourned to 04.07.2024.

Nothing observed hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion of this Court on merits of the case and the trial Court shall proceed without being prejudiced by observations of this Court.

To be heard along with CRM-M-22838-2024.”

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Prem Singh, at the very outset, informs the Court that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.
4. In view of the statement of learned State counsel, order dated 10.05.2024 is hereby made absolute. The petitioner shall abide by the terms and conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.
5. The petition stands disposed of.

04.07.2024
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[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No