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206 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-24785-2023 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 18.11.2024

CHINDERPAL SINGH

... PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 53 dated 28.03.2023, registered at Police Station City-1, Abohar, District Fazilka under Section 376 of Indian Penal Code.

2. The petitioner was directed to join the investigation, as per the order dated 19.03.2024.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State confirms that the prosecutrix was married having three children. The petitioner has joined investigation in compliance of the order dated 19.03.2024. Learned State counsel has further confirmed that in compliance of the order dated 31.05.2023, the Investigating Officer has collected the mobile phone of the petitioner and Mithu Singh but no incriminating video was found in the said mobile phones. He has further submitted that further custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

4. The allegations against the petitioner are matter of trial.

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5. In view of the reasons recorded in the order dated 19.03.2024 and keeping in view the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation, his further custodial interrogation is not required by the Investigating Agency, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 19.03.2024 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

6. However, it is made clear that nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

18.11.2024

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**(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE***Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No**Whether reportable : Yes/No*