



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

**CRA-S No.1975 of 2024 (O&M)**  
Date of decision: 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

Sunder Punia

... Appellant

Versus

State of Haryana & another

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present: Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Yuvraj Shandilya, Asst. Advocate General, Haryana  
for the respondent/State.

**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

1. The appellant is challenging the order dated 10.05.2024 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Fatehabad vide which his application for grant of anticipatory bail, in case FIR No.158 dated 20.04.2024 under Sections 147, 149, 295, 323, 427, 452, 506, 379 of the IPC and Section 3 and 3(1)(R), (S) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 registered at Police Station City Fatehabad, District Fatehabad, was dismissed.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 18.05.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by learned counsel for the appellant, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the appellant and asked him to join investigation.



*“Learned counsel for the appellant while drawing the attention of this Court to the FIR which has been annexed as Annexure A/1, inter alia contends that the appellant was not named therein nor any specific role much less any specific casteist utterance attributed to him. Learned counsel submits that the appellant has been falsely implicated in the case in hand as he was a purchaser of the land on which the occurrence in question took place, and qua which there is some civil litigation pending between the parties. Learned counsel submits that it is not possible that the complainant would not have known the name of the petitioner had he been actually present there as in view of the litigation pending between the parties.”*

3. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that in compliance of the order dated 18.05.2024, the appellant has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Mr. Amit Chaudhary, Advocate puts in appearance and files his power of attorney on behalf of respondent No.2.

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



6. In the circumstances, the appeal is allowed and the interim order dated 18.05.2024 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C./Section 482(2) BNSS. Needless to say, in case the appellant misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)  
JUDGE

August 28, 2024  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |