

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-50074-2023
Date of decision: 22.03.2024

MANJINDER SINGH
....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB
....RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Ms. Komal Preet Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Deepak Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

SANJIV BERRY, J.(ORAL)

1. By way of present petition filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in cross version case i.e. General Diary No.033 dated 20.04.2022, registered at P.S. Dera Baba Nanak, District Batala (Annexure P-2) in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
42	20.04.2022	323, 324, 148 and 149 of IPC; 326 of IPC added later on	Dera Baba Nanak, District Batala

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 11.03.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 11.03.2024.

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3. Learned State counsel intimates that the petitioner had joined the investigation in the case and is no more required for any custodial investigation in this case nor he is required for further investigation.

4. During the course of hearing on 11.03.2024, following order was passed:

“1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner could not join the investigation in pursuance to the order dated 16.12.2023 as he had gone to North East on truck. He submits that the petitioner is still ready to join the investigation.

2. In the interest of justice, 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.

3. List on 22.03.2024.”

5. Keeping in view the respective submissions made by learned State counsel and considering the fact that the petitioner had already joined the investigation and is no more required for further investigation nor he is required for any custodial interrogation, interim bail granted vide order dated 11.03.2024 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.
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

22.03.2024

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