

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

**CRM-M-55573-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 29.01.2024**

Raghav Bansal

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. M.S.Tiwana, AAG, Punjab for respondent No.1.

None for respondent No.2 despite service.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in Criminal Complaint No.NACT 352 of 2020 dated 18.07.2020, titled as “**Neera Salhotra Versus Raghav Bansal**”, whereby petitioner was summoned to face trial vide order dated 02.05.2022, pursuant to declaring him as proclaimed person vide order dated 07.08.2023 (P-4).

(2) This Court, while issuing notice of motion on 06.11.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and the same reads as under:-

“Contends inter alia that there is no other criminal case pending against the petitioner and he is ready to join the proceedings before learned trial Court.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1 and seeks time to have instructions and/or file written response in the matter.

Posted for 07.12.2023.

Petitioner shall surrender before learned trial Court and upon doing so, he be released on interim bail, in the present case, till the next date of hearing on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of learned trial Court.

Notice to private respondent No.2 in due course.”

- (3) Today, learned Counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has already joined the proceedings and is regularly appearing before learned trial Court.
- (4) The above factual position is duly acknowledged by learned State Counsel, on instructions from the police official concerned.
- (5) Since no one is appearing on behalf of respondent No.2/complainant despite service; therefore, interim order dated 06.11.2023 is made absolute subject to the provisions of Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. and present petition stands disposed off accordingly.
- (6) It is made clear that the petitioner shall fully co-operate with the learned trial Court and shall not seek unnecessary adjournments.
- (7) The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.
- (8) Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

29th January, 2024
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>