

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-55931-2023
Date of Decision:29.01.2024

RANJIT SINGH AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab
assisted by SI Gurtej Singh.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(ORAL)

On 21.11.2023, following order was passed:

“Petitioners prays for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.29 dated 07.03.2023 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, 1860 (Act No.45 of 1860) at Police Station Boha, District Mansa.

Contention of learned counsel for the petitioners is that all the allegations as per the FIR, are against the valuer Gurwinder Singh; that petitioners are not named in the FIR. It is at the instance of valuer Gurwinder Singh that gold loan was granted and that the petitioners are ready to join the investigation as they have no role to play in the crime.

It is further contended that co-accused Gurwinder Singh has already been allowed the benefit of anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 24.07.2023 passed in CRM-M-15504 of 2023.

Notice of motion.

Mr. R.S. Khaira, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent- State.

Short reply by way of affidavit of Shri Manjeet Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Budhlada, District Mansa has been filed on behalf of the respondent- State in the connected case, i.e. CRM-M-56683 of 2023.

Adjourned to 29.01.2024.

To be heard along with CRM-M-56683 of 2023.

In the meantime, in case of their arrest, the petitioners shall be released on interim bail subject to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/ Investigating Officer. However, it is further directed that the petitioners shall join the investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Officer. They shall not contact any person associated with the case to dissuade them from the investigation in any manner whatsoever and nor shall leave the country without prior permission of the Court. They shall further comply with the conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C."

Today learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Gurtej Singh, submits that petitioner has since joined the investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

Having regard to the aforesaid facts and circumstances, but without commenting anything further on the merits of the case order dated 21.11.2023 is hereby made absolute, whereby petitioner was granted interim anticipatory bail.

However, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when called upon to do so by the Investigating Agency and shall abide by the conditions of Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

29.01.2024

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Whether Speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No