

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

CRM-M-57182-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision: 11.03.2024

EKJOT SINGH

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Preetinder Singh Ahluwalia, Advocate with
Mr. Ashutosh Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankit Grewal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Narinder Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

SANJIV BERRY, J.(ORAL)

CRM-10684-2024

1. Heard.
2. Keeping in view the averments made in the application, the same is allowed subject to all just exceptions.
3. Annexure P-18 to Annexure P-24 is ordered to be taken on record.
4. Registry to do the needful.
5. Disposed of.

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1. By way of present petition filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR (Annexure P-1) as under:

FIR No.	Dated	Sections	Police Station
81	19.04.2023	448, 457, 380 and 120-B of IPC.	Kotwali, District Patiala

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 14.11.2023 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 14.11.2023.
3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Jarnail Singh 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 14.11.2023, following order was passed:

“Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is similarly placed as co-accused, Ravinder Singh Bhatti, who has been granted protection by this Court, which has subsequently been made absolute by order, Annexure P-14.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Arun Luthra, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondent.

List on 01.02.2024.

Petitioner is directed to join the investigation on 30.11.2023 at 10:00 A.M. at Police Station Kotwali, District Patiala and co-operate with the Investigating Agency. In the event of arrest, he shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. He shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.”

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 14.11.2023 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

11.03.2024

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