

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-59317-2023
DECIDED ON: 16.01.2024

RANJIT SINGH @ BAL

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Sant Pal Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, DAG Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under Section 438 Cr.P.C., seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.40 dated 19.05.2023 (Annexure P-1), under Sections 387, 506 of IPC, 1860, registered at Police Station Verowal, District Tarn Taran.
2. A status report by way of an affidavit dated 16.01.2024 of Tarsem Masih, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran has been filed on behalf of respondent-State of Punjab has been filed stating that voice sample of the petitioner has been collected, which is pending for examination and report is awaited. Though, this Court is of the considered view that once the petitioner has joined the investigation and provided his voice sample, which was sought by the prosecution-Investigating Agency, he duly adhered to. The status report is taken on record.

3. However, today learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Avtar Singh points out that mobile phone alongwith sim being used by the petitioner is also required to be taken into custody.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes to join the investigation on 22.01.2024 at 10 A.M., with the Investigating Officer namely Avtar Singh. The mobile phone and the sim card shall also be handed over to the Investigating Officer at that very moment.

5. In light of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to join the investigation, subject to his furnishing personal/security bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. He shall join the investigation on 22.01.2024 at 10 A.M with the Investigating Officer. However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner fails to comply with the undertaking given before this Court on the stipulated date and time given by this Court, respondent-State is at liberty to file an appropriate application for cancellation of anticipatory bail granted by this Court. The petitioner shall also abide by the terms and conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of Cr.P.C.

6. Ordered accordingly.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

16.01.2024

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