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

**CRM-M-60369-2023
Date of decision: 20.03.2024**

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….PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB ....RESPONDENT

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Gursimran Singh Bhatia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ankit Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Karnesh Verma, Advocate for
Mr. Ajay Singh, Advocate for the complainant.

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SANJIV BERRY, J.(ORAL)

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
243	07.11.2023	420 of IPC and Sections 63 and 64 of the Copyright Act, 1957	Chheharta, District Police Commissionerate, Amritsar

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance to the order dated 28.02.2024 passed by this Court, the petitioner has already joined the investigation and as such prayed for confirming the interim bail granted vide order dated 28.02.2024.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Jagga Singh intimates that the petitioner had joined the investigation in the case and is

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no more required for any custodial investigation in this case nor he is required for further investigation.

4. During the course of hearing on 28.02.2024, following order was passed:

> *"1. In compliance to the order dated 07.02.2024, explanation of Commissioner of Police, Amritsar dated 19.02.2024 brought by ACP Sukhpal Singh (West), Amritsar is accepted. Same is ordered to be taken on record.*
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> *2. Heard.*
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> *3. Keeping in view the facts and circumstances, without commenting on the merits of the case, the petitioner is hereby directed to join investigation within seven days from today and co-operate in the same. In the event of the arrest of the petitioner, he shall 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.*
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> *4. List on 20.03.2024."*

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 28.02.2024 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

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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

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

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