



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRM-M-62065-2023

Date of decision: 16.05.2024

Harjinder Singh Bains

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Ms. Lovenish Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. S.K. Sirsa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Cr.P.C. in case FIR No. 0132 dated 18.10.2023 for the offences under Sections 11(1) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and Section 4A of the Punjab Prohibition of Cow Slaughter Act, 1955 registered at Police Station Sadar Patiala, District Patiala.

2. On 21.02.2024, while noticing the following submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he has been falsely implicated in the FIR in question. He further submits that the petitioner is ready to join investigation and cooperate with the investigating agency.

Learned State Counsel has not disputed that when the truck carrying the cattle was intercepted, the petitioner was not present inside the vehicle; though the vehicle was registered in his name.”



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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 21.02.2024, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Sarabjit Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He, on further instructions, submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

5. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 21.02.2024, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

16.05.2024**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)**

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No