

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.63718 of 2023

Date of decision: 12th March, 2024

William Masih

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Manjeet Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Lovish Rattan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Dy. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

Mr. Kushagra Mahajan, Advocate for the complainant.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case Raport/DDR No.24 dated 6.8.2023 under Sections 326, 336, 427, 324, 323, 160, 452, 148, 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, as well as FIR No. 113 dated 12.7.2023, under Sections 160, 336, 427, 148, 149, 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Majitha, District Amritsar.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 18.12.2023, while noticing the following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation.

“Learned counsel, at the outset submits that it is case of version and cross version, where both the parties

received injuries at the hands of each other. It is further submitted that the petitioner has been attributed grievous injury and that too on the little finger of the hand of the complainant.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 18.12.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Dharam 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 the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 18.12.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 12, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No