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215 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARHCRM-M-64188-2023 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 20.05.2024ANGREJ SINGH ... PETITIONER
V/S
STATE OF PUNJAB & ANOTHER ... RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present: Mr. Vikas Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.
Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No. 200 dated 18.11.2023, registered at Police Station Sadar, District Tarn Taran, under Sections 354, 323 and 506 of the IPC read with Section 34 thereof.

2. On 20.12.2023 following order was passed:

“xxxx Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that there is a delay of 14 days in lodging the FIR. The offence under Section 354 IPC is not made out. Nothing is to be recovered from the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Having received advance copy of the petition, Mr. G.S. Sandhu, D.A.G., Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to file status report.

The complainant is also ordered to be impleaded as respondent No. 2 in the present petition. Registry to take her particulars from the copy of the FIR tagged with the petition. Office to do the necessary corrections in the memo of parties and thereafter, notice to respondent No. 2-complainant be also issued for 12.03.2024.

The petitioner is directed to deposit a demand draft of Rs.10,000/- in favour of the complainant as litigation expenses in the Registry of this Court within one week from today. The same shall be handed over to the complainant when she/her counsel appears before this Court on the next date of hearing.



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Subject to complying with the aforesaid condition (s), the petitioner is directed to join investigation within one week and in that event he shall be released on interim bail, on his furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/Ilaqa Magistrate.

He shall also comply with the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) of the Cr.P.C. ”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has joined the investigation in compliance of the order passed by this Court.

4. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurinder Singh, has also confirmed that the petitioner has joined investigation. State counsel further informs that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

5. In view of the aforesaid facts and the reasons recorded in the order dated 20.12.2023 and keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has joined investigation, his custodial interrogation is not required by the Investigating Agency, the present petition is allowed and the order dated 20.12.2023 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

6. The amount of Rs. 10,000/- deposited with the registry be released to respondent No.2/first informant.

7. However, it is made clear that nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

20.05.2024
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(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

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