

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

**CRM-M-64564-2023 (O&M)  
Date of decision : 22.02.2024**

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...Petitioner

*Versus*

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**

Present: Mr. Jagmeet Singh Moudgill, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab for the respondent.

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**MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.**

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner in General Diary No.76 dated 15.09.2023 (P-2), under Sections 307, 323, 324, 148 read with Section 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, recorded in FIR No.164 dated 15.09.2023 (P-1), under Sections 307, 323, 324, 148 read with Section 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station City Budhlada, District Mansa.

(2) Above FIR was registered on the basis of complaint made by Mangal @ Bhatti with the allegations that petitioner, along with co-accused, caught hold of him and caused injuries to the complainant party.

(3) This Court, while issuing notice of motion on 21.12.2023, granted interim bail to petitioner and the order reads as under:-

*“Contends that it is a case of version & cross-version and moreover, no case under Section 307 of the IPC is made out against the petitioner.*

*Notice of motion for 22.02.2024.*

*Mr. C.L. Pawar, Addl.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and seeks time to have instructions and/or file written response in the matter.*

*In the meanwhile, petitioner shall join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of her arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit her to interim bail, till the next date of hearing, on furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner shall also abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”*

(4) Learned Counsel submits that in pursuance of the aforesaid order, petitioner has already joined the investigation and her custodial interrogation is not required.

(5) Learned State Counsel, on instructions, acknowledged that aforesaid petitioner has joined investigation and as on today, her custodial interrogation is not required.

(6) In view of above, interim order dated 21.12.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

- (7) It is also made clear that petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.
- (8) The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on merits of the case; rather confined only to decide the present bail matter.
- (9) It is clarified that in case there is recurrence on the part of the petitioner, State would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for recalling of this order.
- (10) Disposed off accordingly.
- (11) Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2024  
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( MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU )  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes/No |