

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 719 OF 2020

(@ out of SLP (CrI.) No. 5363/2020 [Diary No(s). 16495/2020])

GURJANT SINGH ...Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ANR. ...Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

This appeal challenges the order dated 28.03.2019 passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh in CRM-M No.12487 of 2019.

Apprehending arrest in respect of crime registered pursuant to FIR No.88 dated 09.06.2018 with P.S. Sadar Jalalabad Dist. Fazilka, Punjab for offences punishable under Section 417,420,500,506 and 120-B IPC, the appellant preferred an application under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Said application having been rejected, the present appeal has been filed.

Notice was issued in the matter on 02.09.2020 and pending further consideration, the appellant was granted interim relief of stay of arrest.

The subsequent orders passed by this Court show that though served, the original complainant has chosen not to

enter appearance. With the assistance of the learned counsel appearing for the appellant, we have gone through the record and are satisfied that the case for anticipatory bail is made out.

We, therefore, allow this appeal and direct that in case the appellant is arrested in connection with the aforesaid crime, the arresting officer shall release the appellant on bail on furnishing cash security in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with two like sureties.

Needless to say that the appellant shall render complete cooperation with the ensuing investigation and shall not cause or attempt to cause any interference with the pending investigation.

With the aforesaid observations, the appeal is allowed.

.....J.
(UDAY UMESH LALIT)

.....J.
(VINEET SARAN)

.....J.
(S. RAVINDRA BHAT)

New Delhi,
November 02, 2020.

**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending applications, if any, shall stand disposed of.

**(INDU MARWAH)
COURT MASTER (SH)**

**(BEENA JOLLY)
COURT MASTER (NSH)**

(SIGNED ORDER IS PLACED ON THE FILE)