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ITEM NO.8 COURT NO.12 SECTION II-B

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 5281/2024

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 26-02-2024 in CRM-M No. 54499/2023 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

SINGH RAM & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA

Respondent(s)

IA No.90442/2024-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.90444/2024-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date: 19-06-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE (PARTIAL COURT WORKING DAYS BENCH)

For Petitioner(s): Dr. Surender Singh Hooda, AOR(NP)

For Respondent(s): Mr. Akshay Amritanshu, AOR

Ms. Drishti Rawal, Adv. Ms. Pragya Upadhyay, Adv. Ms. Drishti Saraf, Adv.

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

- 1. The petitioners herein seek pre-arrest bail in connection with the FIR No.226 dated 22.09.2023.
- 2. None has appeared on behalf of the petitioner(s) to argue the matter.
- 3. Learned Standing Counsel for the State submits that the FIR was lodged way back in the year 2023 and the police does

not require the custodial investigation to be carried out from the petitioners herein.

- 4. A perusal of the record reveals that initially as offences of lesser gravity were applied, the petitioners were arrested and then released on bail by the learned Magistrate. Subsequently, upon addition of the offences punishable under Sections 325 and 307 IPC, the learned Magistrate granted permission to the police to arrest the petitioners whereupon they approached the Sessions Court and then the High Court for grant of anticipatory bail. Such prayer has been turned down by the High Court vide impugned order dated 26.02.2024.
- 5. This Court vide order dated 22.04.2024 granted interim protection to the petitioners.
- 6. We are constrained to observe that the matter which was initially listed on 22.04.2024 has never been listed in the Court again prior to today. The Registry to ensure that the special leave petitions more particularly those dealing with prayers for bail are not kept pending for such a long period.
- 7. Having regard to the facts and circumstances, the ad interim order dated 22.4.2024 is made absolute to continue till the conclusion of the trial.
- 8. The Special Leave Petition is disposed of accordingly.
- 9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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COURT MASTER (NSH)