

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1450 OF 2013
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Crl.) No.1497 of 2013)

Mohinder Pal

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

State of Punjab

Respondent(s)

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Heard both sides.

Leave granted.

On going through the allegations made in the First Information Report and of the fact that out of seven accused, six were granted anticipatory bail by the High Court, we are of the view that the High Court is not justified in rejecting the request of the appellant herein. In the absence of any specific role attributed to the appellant, we feel that the benefit granted to other accused be available to the appellant herein.

Accordingly, the interim protection granted by this Court in connection with F.I.R. No.65/2012 dated 10.06.2012, registered at Police Station Dera Baba Nanak, District Batala, Punjab, shall continue subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the appellant shall make himself available for interrogation as and when required.
- (ii) the appellant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- (iii) the appellant shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Trial Court.

The criminal appeal is disposed of.

(P. SATHASIVAM)

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