

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl) No(s).5880/2008

(From the judgement and order dated 19/05/2008 in CRLM No. 8287/2008 of The HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH)

TARAS RAM Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB Respondent(s)  
(With appln(s) for anticipatory bail and office report)

Date: 18/12/2008 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D.K. JAIN  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AFTAB ALAM

For Petitioner(s) Ms. S. Janani,Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Ajay Bansal, A.A.G.  
Mr. Ravi, Adv.  
Mr. Rajeev Kr. Jha, Adv.  
Mr. Kuldip Singh,Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following  
ORDER

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed and it is directed that in the event of arrest of the appellant, he shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the Investigating Officer may deem fit.

[ Charanjeet Kaur ]  
Court Master

[ Vijay Dhawan ]  
Court Master

[Signed order is placed on the file]  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 2069 OF 2008  
(Arising out of SLP (Criminal) No.5880 of 2008

Taras Ram Appellant(s)

Versus

State of Punjab. Respondent(s)

ORDER

Leave granted.

This appeal is directed against the order dated 19th May, 2008 passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh, whereby an application filed by the appellant herein under Section 438

of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 has been dismissed. In the impugned order, it has been observed that the appellant had not cooperated with the Investigating Officer, in terms of the interim directions issued by the High Court vide order dated April 01, 2008. Perhaps for this reason, the petition filed by the appellant for grant of anticipatory bail was dismissed.

In response to the notice issued to the State, a reply affidavit has been filed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Rural-II, Gurdaspur. In the said reply there is no complaint against the appellant in so far as his co-operation with the department in the matter of investigation is concerned.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties, we are of the view that it is a fit case where the benefit of

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anticipatory bail deserves to be granted to the appellant.

Accordingly, the appeal is allowed and it is directed that in the event of arrest of the appellant, he shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the Investigating Officer may deem fit.

The appeal stands disposed of.

.....J.  
[D.K. JAIN ]

.....J.  
[AFTAB ALAM]

NEW DELHI,  
DECEMBER 18, 2008.