

ITEM NO.2

Court 4 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION II-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Cr1.) No(s). 644/2020

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-11-2019 in CRM-M No. 40355/2019 passed by the High Court Of Punjab & Haryana At Chandigarh)

RANJIT SINGH @ RANA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 105514/2020 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

Date : 23-11-2020 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK BHUSHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.R. SHAH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Siddhartha Dave, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Kumar Vaibhaw, Adv.
Ms. Devina Sehgal, AOR

For Respondent(s) Mr. Shreeyash U. Lalit, Adv.
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Mr. Rahul Gupta, AOR

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

IA No. 105514/2020

Let the Union of India through the Ministry of External Affairs be impleaded as a respondent party.

IA No. 105514/2020 is allowed.

Special Leave to Appeal (Cr1.) No(s). 644/2020

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance of earlier order of this Court dated 07.07.2020, the petitioner has already deposited Rs.40 lacs and has also made efforts to locate and bring back the children of the informant. He further submits that as per the information received, certain persons were arrested

by Royal Bahamas Police in August, 2017 and the petitioner apprehends that the children may be in custody of Royal Bahamas Police Force.

Learned counsel appearing for the State submits that the petitioner was released on the condition that he shall locate and bring the children. He has not done any effort in this regard.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner could not travel to Bahamas to find out the details of the children as air travel was not permitted. He further submits that he shall continue to make an effort to bring the children and provide all necessary assistance to the State as well to the Union of India. He further submits that he was released for two months and after two months he has surrendered on 10.09.2020.

In view of above submissions, we are of the view that the petitioner is entitled to be released on interim bail subject to such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Trial Court. We order accordingly. The conditions may also include the condition that the petitioner shall make an effort to locate and bring back the children of the informant and he shall render all necessary assistance to the State as well as to the Union of India.

The petitioner is also permitted to serve a copy of the petition in the office of the learned Solicitor General.

List the matter after four weeks.

In the meantime, learned Solicitor General may obtain instructions in this regard.

(MEENAKSHI KOHLI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(RENU KAPOOR)
COURT MASTER