

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M No. 12796 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 28.05.2016**

Sanjiv Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Jyotiraditya Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State assisted by HC Des Raj.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, is for grant of anticipatory bail on behalf of the petitioner-accused-Sanjiv Kumar in case FIR No. 193, dated 17.12.2014 for offences under Sections 420, 34 of the Indian Penal Code, registered at Police Station Canal Colony, Bhatinda.

Allegations of complainant-Dharampal Sharma are that petitioner alongwith co-accused Sanjeev Kumar and Nidhi Sharma had asked for a sum of Rs.4.5 lacs for securing a job for the complainant in the Forest Department. A sum of Rs. 1 lac was paid.

It was contended that allegation is that a sum of Rs. 1 lac was paid to the present accused-Sanjeev Kumar through cheque by the complainant whereas in the pleadings filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, wife of the present complainant, Rajni

Bala has submitted that a friendly loan of Rs. 1 lac was obtained from the present accused Sanjiv Kumar and in lieu of the same a cheque was issued. It was also submitted that both co-accused have since been granted the benefit of anticipatory bail.

At the time of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to order dated 21.04.2016, passed by this Court, the petitioner has since joined the investigation and fully cooperated.

Learned State Counsel, assisted by HC Des Raj, does not refute the aforesaid factual position and further states that the petitioner is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the interim protection/pre-arrest bail granted to the petitioner by this Court's order dated 21.04.2016, is made absolute.

Disposed of.

May 28, 2016
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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE