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

CRM-M-28692 of 2019

Date of decision: November 21, 2019

Lovepreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. G.S. Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Multani, AAG Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J

Present petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr. P.C.') for grant of anticipatory bail to petitioner, in FIR No.61 dated 27.04.2019, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station City Batala, District Gurdaspur.

On 09.07.2019, this Court has passed the following order:-

“Contends that as per the allegations of the prosecution, petitioner is only the attesting witness and not the beneficiary. Further contends that interim bail has already been granted to the co-accused Kuldeep Singh by this Court on 08.07.2019.

Notice of motion for 01.08.2019.

To be heard along with CRM-M-24554-2019. In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail in the present case till the next date of hearing on his furnishing

adequate bail and surety bonds to his satisfaction. The petitioner is also directed to abide by all the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Satnam Singh, has stated that in terms of order dated 09.07.2019, the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the above, order dated 09.07.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to the provisions of Section 438(2) Cr. P.C.

Petition stands disposed off, accordingly.

However, it is made clear that the petitioner shall fully co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when called for further investigation.

The departmental action against Sub Inspector-Sukhdev Singh by the competent authority be expedited and the same be conveyed to the Registry of this Court within a period of 8 weeks from today.

The above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

November 21, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No