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

CRM-M-33724 of 2019

Date of decision: October 03, 2019

Rajiv Kumar

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Arihant Jain, 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.072 dated 31.03.2019, under Sections 420, 465, 471, 201, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station Civil Lines, District Bathinda.

On 22.08.2019, while issuing notice of motion, this Court has passed the following order:-

“Contends that in the FIR, three persons have been stated to be liable for amount in question and those are Sukhchain Singh, Sarabjit Singh and Pippal Singh and there is nothing against the petitioner.

Notice of motion returnable on 03.10.2019.

In the meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join investigation before the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, the Arresting Officer would admit him to interim bail, 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) of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Malkit Singh, has stated that in terms of order dated 22.08.2019, the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

In view of the above, order dated 22.08.2019 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 above observations may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

October 03, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No