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

CRM-M-34813 of 2019

Date of decision: November 21, 2019

Puneet Pandey

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. H.S. Bains, 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.056 dated 01.05.2019, under Sections 420, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 24 of the Emigration Act, 1938, registered at Police Station Basti Jodhewal, District Ludhiana.

On 18.09.2019, this Court has passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that although an amount of Rs. 30,000/- has been deposited by some unknown person in his Bank Account, but he is ready to refund the same to the complainant within a period of one week from today.

Let needful be done within two weeks.

Adjourned to 21.11.2019.

In the meanwhile, the 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) Cr.P.C.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Daljeet Singh,

has apprised the Court that in terms of order dated 18.09.2019, a Demand Draft for an amount of ₹30,000/- favouring complainant has been prepared. Also submitted that in terms of above order, the petitioner has joined investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

SI Daljeet Singh is directed to hand-over the original Demand Draft of ₹30,000/- to the complainant within a period of three days from today against proper receipt.

In view of the above, order dated 18.09.2019 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.

It is clarified that payment of ₹30,000/- to the complainant shall not be construed as prejudicial to the interest of the petitioner in any manner.

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