

206 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-1865-2020  
Date of Decision: 13.03.2020

Amandeep Singh

... Petitioner

v/s

State of Punjab

... Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI**

Present: Mr. Ashish Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Balbir Singh Sewak, Addl. AG Punjab assisted by  
ASI Jitender Kumar.

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**VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)**

On 17.01.2020 following order was passed:

“As per allegation in the FIR No. 38 dated 05.08.2019 under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station Fatehgarh Panjtoor, District Moga, Manjit Singh had received a sum of Rs. 3 lacs from Raj Kaur-complainant on the pretext of providing employment for her son. The name of the petitioner does not find mentioned in the FIR. Furthermore, Manjit Singh who has been named in the FIR has already been granted anticipatory bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 26.11.2019.

Notice of motion for 13.03.2020.

Meanwhile, petitioner is directed to join the investigation. In the event of arrest, petitioner shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer. The petitioner will join the investigation as and when called for and shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”.

It has been stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that the

petitioner has joined the investigation in pursuance of the interim directions issued by this Court and is no more required for the purpose of investigation.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Jitender Kumar, has acknowledged the fact that petitioner has joined the investigation but has stated that no recovery has been effected from the petitioner.

It may be mentioned here that co-accused Manjit Singh has already been granted pre-arrest bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court and accordingly, on the principles of parity, the petitioner also becomes entitled to pre-arrest bail, particularly when he has already joined the investigation.

In these set of circumstances, sufficient exceptional circumstances are made out to extend the concession of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner. The order dated 17.01.2020 is made absolute.

The petition stands allowed.

**13.03.2020**  
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**(VIVEK PURI)**  
**JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No*  
*Whether reportable : Yes/No*