

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

CRM-M-21851 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision 04.09.2020

Mohinder Pratap Bathla

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. Sandeep Khunger, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, AAG, Punjab.

(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No. 170 dated 16.07.2020 under Sections 420/406 IPC, registered at Police Station City-I, Abohar, District Fazilka.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to order dated 06.08.2020, the petitioner has joined the investigation and has also made payment of Rs.50,000/- by way of demand draft No.996283 dated 23.07.2020. Receipt has also been issued by the Corporation contained at Annexure P-5, therefore no recovery is required to be made.

3. Learned State counsel does not controvert the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. He, however, submits that per his instructions, recovery of payment is yet to be made.

4. In view of the above, since custodial interrogation of the petitioner is no more required and he has already joined the investigation and payment has also been made through demand draft as aforesaid, the petition is allowed. Order dated 06.08.2020 granting interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner is made absolute, subject to the petitioner's complying with provisions under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

**(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE**

SEPTEMBER 04, 2020

Vandana

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No