

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

CRM-M-23295-2020

Date of decision: 16.12.2020

Sukhjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present:- Mr. Naresh Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, AAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has filed this petition under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in a case FIR No.92 dated 12.07.2020 under Section 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Chabbewal, District Hoshiarpur. He apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police in the above said FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 19.08.2020 whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Briefly, FIR bearing No. 92 dated 12.7.2020 under Section 420 IPC 1860, Police Station Chabbewal, District Hoshiarpur has been registered on the allegations that petitioner, being agent of Poorvanchal Multi-Purpose Multi-State Co-operative Society Limited, Talwandi Road Jeera, District Ferozepur had deceitfully extracted a sum of Rs. One Lakh from the complainant.

It has been stated by learned counsel for the petitioner that the amount of Rs. One Lakh was invested as back as on 31.5.2014 and that too by Kulwinder Singh, son of the complainant who is also agent of the aforesaid Society. It has been further stated that no other case has been registered against the petitioner prior to the present case.

Notice of motion for 29.9.2020.

Mr. H.S.Multani, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Meanwhile, it is directed that in the event of arrest, the petitioner be admitted on interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer subject to the condition that he join the investigation and comply with other conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that in deference to the said order, the petitioner submitted himself before the Police and joined the investigation. According to him, the petitioner cooperated with the Police Authorities during the investigation and furnished requisite bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer.

Learned State counsel does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. Learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Pardeep Kumar, further states that he is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 19.08.2020 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

16.12.2020

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Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes

Whether reportable?

No