

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc.-M No.32878 of 2020

Date of Decision: December 07, 2020

Kuldeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Jawandha, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harmandeep Singh Sullar, DAG, Punjab.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed by the petitioner under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of anticipatory bail in case FIR No.120 dated 25.06.2020, under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station, City Dhuri, District Sangrur. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of police.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 15.10.2020, whereby while issuing notice of motion to the respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing. Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that it was simplicitor, a dispute over re-payment of loan by the petitioner an agriculturalist which he managed to avail from the complainant firm finance company, UP Money Company

Limited and is purely a civil dispute which has given a tinge of criminality.

Notice of motion for 07.12.2020.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall, however, join the investigation within a period of 15 days and he shall also abide by the conditions as envisaged 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, who is assisted by ASI Pinjore Singh, does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. Learned counsel, on instructions, further states that the petitioner 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 15.10.2020 is made absolute.

December 07, 2020
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(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No