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

**CRM-M-2328-2020
Date of decision-13.09.2021**

PARDEEP SINGH**...Petitioner****Vs.****STATE OF PUNJAB****...Respondent****CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ**

Present: Mr. APS Rehan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, 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.197 dated 25.11.2019, under Section 420 Indian Penal Code, 1860, registered at Police Station City Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur. The petitioner apprehended his arrest at the hands of Police, in the above FIR.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has invited the attention of the Court to the order dated 20.01.2020, whereby, while issuing notice of motion to respondent-State, the interim protection was extended to the petitioner. The said order reads as under:-

“Through this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. Prayer has been made for grant of anticipatory bail to petitioner – Pardeep Singh in case FIR No.197 dated 25.11.2019 registered under Section 420 IPC at Police Station City Gurdaspur,

District Gurdaspur.

According to the prosecution, complainant, who is a Sub Inspector in the Police Department, paid ₹6,50,000/- to the petitioner on asking of her colleague ASI Veer Singh for procuring a driving licence for his son Sukhwinder Singh to drive heavy transport vehicles from Dubai. Son of the complainant thereafter went to Dubai on 16.09.2017, where he obtained training after depositing necessary school fee and various other charges. Finally, on 04.02.2019, son of the complainant was provided driving licence after spending a sum of ₹11,00,000/-. Grievance of the complainant is that her son himself paid entire dues of Dubai Transport Authority without contribution of the petitioner to the same, though he had taken ₹6,50,000/- from him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia submits that it is a money dispute. Petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation. He is ready to join investigation.

Notice of motion for 15.4.2020.

Meanwhile, petitioner shall join the investigation and would come present as and when called for and in the event of arrest, petitioner – Pardeep Singh shall be admitted to interim bail on his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the 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, who is assisted by ASI Jagjit Singh does not dispute this fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and he is not required for custodial interrogation for the time being.

Considering the above, the petition is allowed and the interim

bail granted by this Court vide order dated 20.01.2020 is made absolute.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

13.09.2021

<i>Vipin kumar</i>	Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
	Whether Reportable :	Yes	No