

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

CRM-M-55337-2019

DECIDED ON: 2nd JULY, 2021

NAVEEN KUMAR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

.....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Joban Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajeev Kumar, Advocate
for the complainant.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This petition is filed for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No. 78, dated 04.09.2019 under Sections 420/408 IPC registered at Police Station Khamano District Fatehgarh Sahib.

This Court vide order dated 24th December, 2019 granted the interim bail subject to joining investigation. The order is reproduced below:-

“ The present petition has been filed by petitioner-Naveen Kumar, inter alia, praying for grant of pre arrest bail in case FIR No.78 dated 04.09.2019 u/s 420/408 IPC registered at Police Station Khamano District Fatehgarh Sahib.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in fact firstly there is no loss that has been caused to the institute. This can be verified from the audit report which has been conducted by audit party qua the accounts of the institute.

Be that as it may, he fairly submits that he has already deposited Rs.30,000/- which was stated to be disputed amount in the FIR. He further undertakes to deposit another Rs.30,000/- in the form of an FDR with the Registrar of this Court. This of course would await the further orders of this case.

Notice of motion for 22.01.2020.

Meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join the investigation before the Investigating Officer within a week. However, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be admitted to interim bail on furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions as enshrined in Section 438(2) Cr.PC.”

Learned counsel for the complainant vehemently opposes the grant of anticipatory bail.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Baljinder Singh, submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.

As no custodial interrogation is needed, the interim bail granted on 24th December, 2019 is made absolute.

Disposed of accordingly.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

2nd JULY, 2021

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>