

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

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**CRM-M-507-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 17.05.2022**

Baljit Singh ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab ...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

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

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, AAG, Punjab,
assisted by ASI Balwinder Singh.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.49 dated 12.03.2020, Police Station Anaj Mandi, District Patiala, under Sections 420, 120-B of Indian Penal Code and Section 4 of Prize Chits & Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978.
2. At the time of issuance of notice of motion on 10.01.2022, the following order was passed:

“The petitioner has approached this Court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in respect of a case registered vide FIR No.49 dated 12.3.2020, Police Station Anaj Mandi, District Patiala under Sections 420, 120-B of Indian Penal Code and Section 4 of Prize Chits & Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was neither Director of any of the chit fund companies i.e. Ken Infratech, Ken Agricultural Developers India Limited, Ken Cooperative Societies and that he was merely working as

an agent and is not beneficiary in any manner of the amounts collected from the investors. It has further been submitted that some other identically situated co-accused, who were not directors, have already been granted bail by the Trial Court itself as would be evident from the orders Annexures P-2 to P-6.

Notice of motion for 17.5.2022.

Meanwhile, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal bonds and surety bonds to the satisfaction of Arresting/Investigating Officer. However, the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Arresting/Investigating Officer and shall abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

3. Learned State counsel upon instructions has informed that pursuant to interim directions issued by this Court, the petitioner has since joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation.
4. Having regard to the aforestated position, wherein the petitioner is stated to have joined investigation and is not required for any custodial interrogation, the petition is accepted and the interim directions issued by this Court vide order dated 10.01.2022 are hereby made absolute subject to the condition that the petitioner shall join investigation as and when called upon to do so and cooperate with the Investigating Officer and shall also abide by the conditions as provided under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C.

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**
Whether reportable: **Yes/No**