

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

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CRM-M-2057-2022

Date of Decision: 25 March, 2022

HARINDER SINGH

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. A.K. Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Raman Mohinder Sharma, Advocate
for the complainant.

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VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic COVID-19 situation and as per instructions.

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 438 CrPC is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.270 dated 15.12.2021 under Sections 419, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the IPC, registered at Police Station City Sunam, District Sangrur.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that pursuant to the interim order dated 19.01.2022, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for the purpose of custodial interrogation.

Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Harish Kumar corroborates the said averment and submits that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of investigation.

Learned counsel for the complainant, however, opposes the petition on the ground that the complainant has subjected to prejudice on account of the acts of forgery committed by the petitioner. However, he does not deny the fact that the case in question is based on documentary evidence and that once the investigating agency does not require any custodial interrogation, no fruitful purpose would be served by custodial extension of the petitioner.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 19.01.2022 is made absolute.

However, if required, the petitioner shall continue to join the investigation as and when required to do so and shall abide by the terms and conditions, as laid down under Section 438(2) CrPC.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

25.03.2022.
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Whether speaking/reasoned : **Yes/No**

Whether reportable : **Yes/No**