

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-9458 of 2022

Decided on: 25th March, 2022

Lokesh Kumar

Petitioner

Versus

State of UT, Chandigarh and another

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr Vikas Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. J. S. Toor, APP for UT, Chandigarh.
Mr. H. S. Ahuja, 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. 208 dated 25.12.2021, under Sections 406 and 420 IPC, registered at Police Station Central Sector 17, Chandigarh.

This Court vide order dated 7.3.2022, granted the interim bail subject to joining investigation,

Learned counsel for UT submits that though the petitioner has joined investigation, agreement to sell is to be recovered.

Learned counsel for the petitioner on instructions submits that the original is not with his client but he is ready to hand over copy of the agreement to sell, by joining investigation within five days.

Mr. H. S. Ahuja, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of the complainant and opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail. He

submits that the petitioner is involved in three more FIRs and he is a habitual offender.

To show his *bona fide*, the petitioner has deposited Rs.3,00,000/- with the Registry of this Court. The amount so deposited shall be sent to the Illaqa Magistrate/trial court concerned. The same shall be subject to out-come of the trial and will be kept in an FDR in a nationalised bank.

Mere involvement of the petitioner in three more FIRs in itself would not be a ground to deprive his personal liberty, more-so when the investigating agency is not seeking the custody of the petitioner.

As no custodial interrogation is needed, the interim bail granted on 7.3.2022 is made absolute.

Disposed of accordingly.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

25th March, 2022

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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes /No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes /No