

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

CRM-M-18118-2022

Date of decision: 16.08.2022

Ajay Chopra

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Anil Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Sandhu, Sr.DAG, Punjab
for the respondent-State.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in a case bearing FIR No.0050 dated 29.03.2022 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and Section 13 of Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 registered at Police Station Division 2, Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

On 02.05.2022, the following order was passed by the Court while granting interim bail:-

“The petitioner has approached this Court under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure for grant of pre-arrest bail in case FIR No. 0050 dated 29.03.2022 under Sections 406, 420, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code and

Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act, 2014 registered at Police Station Division 2, Police Commissionerate Jalandhar.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner inter alia contends that three FIRs have been registered against the petitioner by the complainant and his relatives/friends at different police stations. He also places reliance on various photographs showing presence of the complainant and his relatives/friends, shared by the complainant on his facebook account.

Notice of motion.

Pursuant to the supply of an advance copy, Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, DAG, Punjab, has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

List on 16.8.2022 for further consideration.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation as and when so required by the Investigating Agency. In the event of petitioner joining investigation, he shall be admitted to interim bail by the arresting officer/investigating officer on furnishing of bail bonds by him to the satisfaction of the arresting officer/investigating officer. The petitioner shall also abide by the conditions as specified under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that pursuant to above order, petitioner has joined the investigation and as such his interim bail may be made absolute.

The learned State counsel, on instructions from SI Gurnam Singh, states that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is still required in the investigation.

Counsel for the petitioner states that his client would join the investigation as and when required by the police.

In view of the above, interim order dated 20.05.2022 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) Cr.P.C and the petitioner shall join the investigation as and when called upon by the investigating agency/investigating officer.

The present petition stands disposed off.

16.08.2022

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**(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No