

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-20126-2022
Date of order: 31.08.2022

Ramanjit Singh
...Petitioner(s)
Versus
State of Punjab
...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANOOP CHITKARA

Present:- Mr. Tanvir S. Grewal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. H.S. Sitta, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia, Advocate
for the complainant.

ANOOP CHITKARA, J.

FIR No.	Dated	Police Station	Sections
154	1.4.2022	Sohana, District SAS Nagar	406 and 420 IPC

1. The petitioner apprehending arrest in the FIR captioned above had come up before this Court under Section 438 CrPC seeking anticipatory bail.
2. Vide order dated 01-06-2022, the petitioner was granted interim protection, which is continuing till date.
3. Ld. Counsel for the petitioner contends that the custodial investigation would serve no purpose whatsoever, and the pre-trial incarceration would cause an irreversible injustice to the petitioner and his family.
4. Ld. counsel representing the State opposes bail.

REASONING:

5. The allegations against the petitioner are that he cheated the complainant for an amount Rs.77 lac and Rs.85 lac on account of an agreement to sell the property. The petitioner was granted interim protection, and during the interregnum, there is no allegation that they intimidated the victim or victim's family or the witnesses or hampered the investigation, or despite being called to join the investigation, did not appear before the investigator. Given the above, there would be no justification to discontinue the interim protection, and the same is made absolute subject to the petitioner's complying with the interim bail order dated 1.6.2022, with an additional direction that the petitioner shall disclose details of all assets, held either individually or jointly, including bank balances, fixed deposits, DEMAT accounts, to the investigator and its copy to the complainant/victim(s) within 15 days from today.

6. It is clarified that in case this order is not complied with within 15 days from today, it will be open and permissible for the complainant to file an application for cancellation of bail on this ground alone

Petition allowed in aforesaid terms. Interim order is made absolute subject to strict compliance of all terms and conditions. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed.

(ANOOP CHITKARA)
JUDGE

August 31, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No.