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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.23617 of 2020 (O&M)
Decided on: 10.02.2022

Hardeep Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present : Mr. Arvind Kashyap, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. D.S. Randhawa, Advocate
for the complainant/respondent No.2.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioner prays for grant of anticipatory bail in FIR
No.68 dated 17.03.2020, registered under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468
IPC at Police Station Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

The operative part of the order dated 20.08.2020, vide
which interim anticipatory bail has been granted to the petitioner, is
reproduced as under:-

*“....Learned Counsel for the petitioner, by making
reference to the FIR and pleadings in the petition, submits
that the allegation appears to be that the petitioner had
allegedly tried to help the private person whose vehicle
has met with an accident in January 2019. Learned
counsel submits that however perusal of the FIR would
show that the said transactions/cover notes pertain to the
period from 14.03.2019 to 25.10.2019. He submits that
this shows that the alleged cover notes could not give any
help to the private person whose vehicle has met with an*

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accident in the year 2019 i.e. prior to the alleged cover note dates. He then submits that even otherwise, he is ready to join investigation. By joining the investigation, he will be able to demonstrate that the computers are connected with biometrics facilities and it cannot be manipulated as alleged. To support the above submission, learned counsel has attached the document as Annexure P-3, which shows that endorsement for the vehicle allegedly insured w.e.f. 14.03.2019 and this could not give any benefit to the private person, who had met with an accident in January 2019.

Notice of motion....”

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that, in pursuance to the order dated 20.08.2020, the petitioner has appeared before the Investigating Officer and has joined the investigation.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Sukhwinder Singh, has not disputed the aforesaid fact and submits that the petitioner is no more required for further investigation.

In view of the above, this petition is allowed and the interim bail granted to the petitioner vide order dated 20.08.2020 is made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

10.02.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No