

**202-A IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M No.37519 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of decision : 05.12.2022**

Mahesh Chander Dabra

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab & anr.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present :- Mr. Achin Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has prayed for grant of pre-arrest bail in FIR No.172 dated 16.7.2022 registered under Sections 420/465/467/468/471/120-B IPC, at Police Station City Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab.

On 24.08.2022 while issuing notice of motion the following order was passed:-

“Apprehending his arrest in FIR No.172 dated 16th July, 2022, registered for offenses punishable under Sections 420/465/467/468/471/120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station City Sri Muktsar Sahib, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, the petitioner has preferred this petition under Section 438 Cr.P.C. seeking pre-arrest bail.

Ld. Counsel for the petitioner inter alia relies upon the factum of there being a compromise between the petitioner and the complainant.

Issue notice of motion returnable by 5th December, 2022.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Mohinder S. Joshi, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

In the meantime, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be released on interim bail subject to his furnishing personal and surety bonds to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer. As and when called, the petitioner shall join the investigation. He shall abide by the conditions enumerated under Section 438 (2) of the Cr.P.C.”

Today, learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Gurtej Singh, has stated that pursuant to the order dated 24.08.2022, the petitioner has joined investigation and is no longer required for custodial interrogation.

In view of above, the interim order dated 24.08.2022 passed by this Court is made absolute, subject to the conditions as enumerated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

This petition stands disposed off.

Needless to say that anything observed herein shall not be construed to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

05.12.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No