

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

**CRM-M-46296 of 2021
Date of Decision:- 27.04.2022**

Vakeel Singh

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present:- Mr. K.D. Sachdeva, Advocate
for the petitioner-Vakeel Singh.
Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.

Prayer is for grant for anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case having FIR No.191 dated 23.08.2021 registered under Sections 420 IPC read with Section 4/5 of Prize Chits and Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act, 1978, Police Station Division No.4, District Patiala.

The FIR in the present case was registered on the basis of complaint lodged by the present petitioner in which he alleged that Sukhwinder Singh alias Sonu was running the lottery business in Omaxe Mall, Patiala. The petitioner took five lotteries from said Sukhwinder Singh with an assurance that if he does not win the lottery till the end, then Rs.75,000/- would be given to said customer in the end. On 10.06.2020 petitioner was informed that he has won

Nano car and when he went to collect said car or amount of Rs.1,25,000/- in lieu of that, one another person also claimed the said prize, on this petitioner came to know that the aforesaid lottery business run by Sukhwinder Singh was totally sham.

After the registration of FIR aforesaid Sukhwinder Singh was arrested and on the basis of his disclosure, the present petitioner was also arraigned as accused. The petitioner has already joined the investigation with the police on the basis of order of interim bail dated 18.02.2022 passed by this Court. This fact has not been refuted by the State Counsel on instructions from ASI Raghbir Singh.

The State counsel also furnished affidavit of Ashok Kumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division No.1, Patiala in compliance of order dated 18.02.2022 passed by this Court. The State counsel further apprised the Court that the petitioner is not required by the police for any further investigation or custodial interrogation.

In the light of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and order granting interim bail dated 18.02.2022 to the petitioner is hereby made absolute subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

27.04.2022
P. Chawla

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking? Yes / No

Whether reportable? Yes / No