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

CRM-M-47055-2022

Date of decision : 07.12.2022

Mohit Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present: Mr. V.K. Sandhir, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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**VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)**

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in FIR No.112 dated 29.07.2021 registered under Sections 381/408 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 at Police Station C Division, District Amritsar.

On 17.10.2022, this Court had passed the following order:-

*“Learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that there is a delay of more than two years in lodging the present FIR and there is a CCTV Camera installed in the chest (locker) room and even inside the chest (Locker) and recording of the same was preserved for the company for all times. It is further submitted that the said CCTV camera has not been seen as the same would show as to who had operated the chest (locker) during the period in*

*question. It is contended that the petitioner is the Assistant Branch Head and has never been involved in any criminal case. It is further contended that the petitioner in order to show his bona fide, is ready to deposit an amount of Rs.50,000/- with the complainant-company i.e. M/s Manappuram Finance Limited within a period of 15 days from today, without admitting his liability.*

*Notice of motion for 03.11.2022.*

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

*The petitioner is directed to deposit an amount Rs.50,000/- within a period of 15 days with the complainant-company i.e. M/s Manappuram Finance Limited and produce the receipt of the same on the next date of hearing before this Court.*

*It is made clear that in case, the amount of Rs.50,000/- is not deposited with the complainant-company i.e. M/s Manappuram Finance Limited within a period of 15 days, then the present interim relief granted in favour of the petitioner would be liable to be vacated.*

*The payment of the amount of Rs.50,000/- would not be construed as an admission of guilt by the petitioner.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in pursuance of the abovesaid order dated 17.10.2022, the petitioner has joined the investigation and has also deposited an amount of Rs.50,000/- with the complainant-company.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from ASI Harwinder Singh, has submitted that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for any further custodial interrogation.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances moreso, the facts which have been noticed in abovesaid order dated 17.10.2022 and also the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is not required for further custodial interrogation and also the fact that the petitioner has deposited an amount of Rs.50,000/- with the complainant-company, the present petition is allowed and the interim order dated 17.10.2022 is ordered to be made absolute.

However, nothing stated above shall be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case and the trial would proceed independently of the observations made in the present case which are only for the purpose of adjudicating the present bail application.

**07.12.2022***Pawan***(VIKAS BAHL)  
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned:-****Yes/No****Whether reportable:-****Yes/No**