

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

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2023:PHHC:102878

CRM-M-36-2023

Date of decision: August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Nikhil Bhatti

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**

Present : Mr. Vinod K. Kaushal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Additional Advocate General,  
Punjab.

**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)**

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.220, dated 07.12.2022, under Section 188 of IPC, 1860 and Section 14 of the Foreigners Act (offences under Sections 347, 120-B of IPC added later on), registered at police station Ranjit Avenue, District Police Commissionerate Amritsar, Amritsar.

Vide order dated 04.01.2023, the petitioner had been granted interim anticipatory bail with direction to join investigation and the relevant part of the said order reads as under:-

*“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was neither present at the spot nor he was arrested at the spot. As per the allegations in the FIR, the petitioner is the owner of the Spa and as a matter of fact, the petitioner has taken the said premises on rent, but the entire dealing was done by Lakhwinder Singh, who has*

*already been granted the concession of bail on 17.12.2022.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of order dated 04.01.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He on further instructions submits that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

In view of the above, the petition is allowed and interim order dated 04.01.2023, is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No