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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-3750-2022
Date of decision: 24.05.2023

SANDEEP KUMAR VERMA

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. A.S.Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. AG, Punjab.

VIVEK PURI,J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in the case bearing FIR No.06 dated 07.01.2018, under Sections 420/406/120-B IPC, 1860 registered at Police Station City Kotwali, Faridkot, District Faridkot.
2. On 31.01.2022, the following order was passed:-

“The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in the present case the main accused namely, Manav Khurana has been granted interim bail by this Court vide Annexure P-5 and the same is pending before this Court for 22.07.2022. He further submitted that so far as the alleged role of the petitioner is concerned, as per the FIR he has only introduced the complainant with the aforesaid Manav Khurana who has taken an amount of money from the complainant and the allegation that the petitioner has also taken some money for the same purpose was false.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Arun Kumar Kaundal, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of State of Punjab and prays for some time to seek instructions.

Adjourned to 22.07.2022.

To be heard alongwith CRM-M-42983-2021.

In the meantime, petitioner is directed to join the investigation as and when called by the Investigating Officer. In the event of his arrest, he shall be released on bail by the Arresting/Investigating Officer on his furnishing bail bonds/sureties to his satisfaction, subject to the conditions as provided under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.”

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has joined the investigation in pursuance of interim directions.
4. On instructions from ASI Sukhchain Singh, learned State counsel has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspects and submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and his custodial interrogation is not required.
5. In view of the aforesaid submissions, the order dated 31.01.2022, granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.
6. The petition is allowed.

24.05.2023
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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No