

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

CRM-M-3892-2023

Date of decision : 02.02.2023

Parminder Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. K.S. Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Karunesh Kaushal, AAG, Punjab.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case FIR No.80 dated 09.06.2022, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of the Indian Penal Code at Police Station Cantt. Bathinda, District Bathinda.

Status report by way of affidavit of Mr. Manmohan Sarna, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Economic Offence and Cyber Cell, Bathinda, filed by learned State counsel is taken on record.

Vide order dated 25.01.2023, while granting interim protection, the petitioner was directed to join investigation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that pursuant to order dated 25.01.2023, petitioner has joined the investigation and cooperated with the investigating agencies and as such, his interim bail may be made absolute.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, has affirmed the fact that the petitioner has joined the investigation. However, recovery of Rs.15.00 lakhs remains to be effected from co-accused Sanjay Kumar @ Sanjay Rajput.

After hearing counsel for the parties and perusing the record, it is not in dispute that the petitioner has joined investigation. However, recovery of the alleged amount of Rs.15.00 lakhs from co-accused as submitted cannot be a ground for rejection of anticipatory bail at this stage. The case needs to be investigated and tried by the trial Court.

In view of the above, interim order dated 25.01.2023 is made absolute subject to compliance of conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Petition stands allowed.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

02.02.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No