

206 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-5858-2023

Date of Decision: 24.05.2023

SATNAM SINGH

... PETITIONER

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB

... RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present: Mr. Gursimran Singh Madaan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

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VIVEK PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. On 06.02.2023, following order was passed:

“The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in the case bearing FIR No.109 dated 02.11.2022 under Section 420 IPC registered at Police Station Sadar Raikot, District Ludhiana Rural.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the FIR has been registered against the petitioner on the allegations that he alongwith his wife had extracted a sum of Rs.6 lac from the complainant on the pretext of getting her land vacated. A sum of Rs.3 lac each was allegedly paid to the petitioner and his wife. The wife of the petitioner has not been arraigned as an accused and the amount was allegedly paid about two years prior to the registration of the FIR. There is no document or evidence of any monetary transaction between the petitioner and the complainant.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Adjourned to 24.05.2023.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner is directed to join investigation and in the event of his arrest, he shall be released on interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438 (2) of Code of Criminal Procedure.”

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in pursuance of the interim directions, the petitioner has joined the investigation.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Kewal Singh, has not disputed the aforesaid factual aspect and further submitted that the

custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required.

4. Considering above, the petition is allowed and the interim bail granted by this Court vide order dated 06.02.2023 is made absolute.

24.05.2023

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(VIVEK PURI)
JUDGE

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