

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.7380 of 2023
Date of decision: 10th April, 2023

Sukhram Singh
... Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab
... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. H.P.S. Ishar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in case bearing FIR No.4 dated 09.01.2023 under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B IPC registered at Police Station Moti Nagar, District Ludhiana.

Vide order dated 10.02.2023, the petitioner had been granted concession of interim bail in the following terms:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a perusal of FIR (Annexure P-1) clearly indicates that the petitioner was neither named in the secret information which was received by the police nor any specific role attributed to him in the crime in question. Learned counsel further submits that subsequent to the registration of the FIR, when investigation was carried out, the name of the petitioner surfaced in the disclosure statement of one Ravinder Singh, who stated that he had given a cheque

amounting to Rs.90,000/- to the petitioner. Learned counsel submits that, however, the said cheque was not even got encashed by the petitioner.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 10.02.2023, 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 main accused already stands arrested in the case in hand, and that the petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.

In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 10.02.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

April 10, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No