

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-8173-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision : 2.5.2023

Jagmel Singh alias Jagga

... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. N.K.Manchanda, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. AG, Punjab.

Mr. Gurcharan Dass, Advocate,
for the complainant.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Prayer is for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner in criminal case having FIR No.262 dated 23.12.2022 registered under Sections 420, 120-B IPC at Police Station City Jagraon, District Ludhiana.

2. On the last date of hearing, the petitioner handed over draft of ₹ 1.5 lakh to the counsel for the complainant and consequently, the petitioner was granted interim bail with direction to join the investigation.

3. Today, counsel for the petitioner submits that only allegations against the petitioner are that he received ₹ 1.5 lakh from the complainant. He further submits that the said amount has already been returned by the petitioner to the complainant party on the last date of hearing and that the petitioner has joined the investigation with the police in compliance of previous order of interim bail.

4. Present petition is resisted by the counsel for the complainant who submits that he was also party to the fraud which was committed by the accused persons by colluding with one another and they defrauded the complainant of ₹ 11.70 lakh.
5. State counsel on instructions from SI Rajdin has not controverted the fact that only allegations against the petitioner are that he received ₹ 1.5 lakh from the complainant party and that the said amount is already returned by the petitioner to the opposite party on the last date of hearing. He further apprised the court that the petitioner has joined the investigation with the police and is not required by the police for further investigation or custodial interrogation.
6. In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is allowed and order of interim bail dated 27.2.2023 is hereby made absolute subject to the conditions as envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

May 2, 2023
Paritosh Kumar

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