

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

(101-2)

CRM-M-10218-2022-

Date of decision:- 31.01.2023

Manjinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Vishal Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rohit Bansal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate for the complainant.

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**SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)**

Instant petition has been filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking anticipatory bail in case FIR No.24 dated 28.01.2022, registered for offence under Section 498-A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short "IPC"), however, later on Section 406, IPC was added, at Police Station City-I, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla, Annexure P-1.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that pursuant to order dated 22.08.2022 passed by this Court, the petitioner has joined the investigation. Still further, he submits that the possession of the *Scorpio* car along with its key, Registration Certificate and original insurance policy have been handed over to the complainant.

Upon instructions received from ASI, Kulwinder, State counsel has verified this fact and submits that the petitioner is no longer required for custodial interrogation. He has specific instructions to state that despite the fact that there are allegations of entrustment and misappropriation of some gold articles, but the complainant has not supplied the bills of purchase of the articles.

In view of the above, but without examining the merits of the case, present petition is allowed.

Order dated 16.03.2022, granting interim bail to the petitioner, is made absolute, subject to conditions laid down in Section 438 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

It is clarified that the return of the vehicle by the petitioner will not prejudice his right of defence.

Still further, it made clear that observations made hereinabove shall not be construed to be an expression on the merits of the case.

31.01.2023  
*Kamal*

(SUVIR SEHGAL)  
JUDGE

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| Whether Speaking/Reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes/No |