

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

CRM-M No.12073 of 2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 18.07.2022

Lakhminder Singh Jakhar

..... Petitioner

V/s.

State of Punjab

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. P.S. Ahluwalia Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. J.S. Thind, Advocate for the complainant.

Avneesh Jhingan, J. (Oral)

1. This petition was filed seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No. 141 dated 03.05.2022 (Annexure P-1) registered at Police Station City Ferozepur, District Ferozepur, under Sections 120-B, 409, 217 IPC, Sections 18, 21, 22, 25, 27-A of NDPS Act, 1985, Section 61 of Punjab Excise Act 1914, Section 13(i)(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. Vide order dated 13.03.2023, this Court granted interim bail subject to joining investigation.

3. Learned State counsel on instructions from ASI Raman Kumar submits that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is cooperating. His custody is not required.

4. Learned counsel for the complainant opposes the confirmation of the bail and submits that the petitioner has filed CWP No.16782 of 2022 in which relief of pre-arrest bail was sought and the said fact has not been mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has produced a copy of order dated 14.12.2022 which is reproduced below:

“Learned Senior counsel, on instructions submits that he does not press the prayer qua pre-arrest bail and liberty be granted to avail the appropriate remedy in this regard, as per law.
Ordered accordingly.
Posted on 05.09.2023.”

5. Considering that the petitioner has joined the investigation and is cooperating and his custody is not required. The interim bail/ interim directions granted in the same terms as in connected matter i.e. CRM-M-10698-2023 vide order dated 13.03.2023 is made absolute.

18th July, 2023
Sonia Puri

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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