

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.13521 of 2023  
Date of decision: 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

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

CORAM: HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.  
Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab  
for the respondents/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.21 dated 16.02.2023, under Sections 420, 120-B IPC, registered at Police Station Joga, District Mansa.

Vide order dated 17.03.2023, the petitioner had been granted concession of interim bail in the following terms:-

*“While drawing the attention of this Court to the allegations levelled in the FIR in question which has been annexed as Annexure P-1, learned counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that a false and fabricated case has been foisted upon him. Firstly, the complainant was not even acquainted with the petitioner and still further, there was no proof whatsoever qua any payment having been made to the petitioner much less of Rs.6 lakhs. Furthermore, the petitioner was neither an employee of the*

*Crypto Currency Madrill Token Company nor was he an agent of the co-accused, who had assured the petitioner of huge dividends in case the complainant invested his money with them. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner, who has no criminal past, is willing to join investigating and cooperate with the Investigating Agency.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 17.03.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Pala Singh, does not dispute the factum of the petitioner having joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency. He on further instructions submits 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 17.03.2023 is made absolute subject to the conditions laid down in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. Needless to say, in case the petitioner misuses the concession of bail granted to him, the State would be at liberty to seek cancellation of the bail granted to him.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)  
JUDGE

May 5, 2023  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |