

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M No.15674 of 2023
Date of decision: 8th November, 2023

Hakikat Singh Chauhan

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Saurabh Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Vaneet K. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, Asst. Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner is seeking the concession of bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C. in case FIR No.81 dated 25.02.2023 under Sections 386, 120-B IPC (Sections 353, 201 IPC and Section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 added later on) registered at Police Station City Faridkot, District Faridkot.

2. On the last date of hearing, i.e. 17.04.2023, this Court had granted the concession of interim bail to the petitioner and asked him to join investigation in the light of following submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner on 28.03.2023:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner, while drawing the attention of this Court to the allegations levelled in the FIR, which has been annexed as Annexure P-1 inter alia

submits that a secret information was received that number of persons including the petitioner’s brother were harassing innocent people and extorting money from them. He further submits that the petitioner was not even named in the FIR and he was being sought to be implicated only because he was the brother of co-accused, Partap Rai Chauhan.”

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in compliance of the order dated 17.04.2023, the petitioner has joined investigation and cooperated with the investigating agency.
4. 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 petitioner is not required for further investigation much less for his custodial interrogation.
5. In the circumstances, the petition is allowed and the interim order dated 17.04.2023 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

November 8, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No